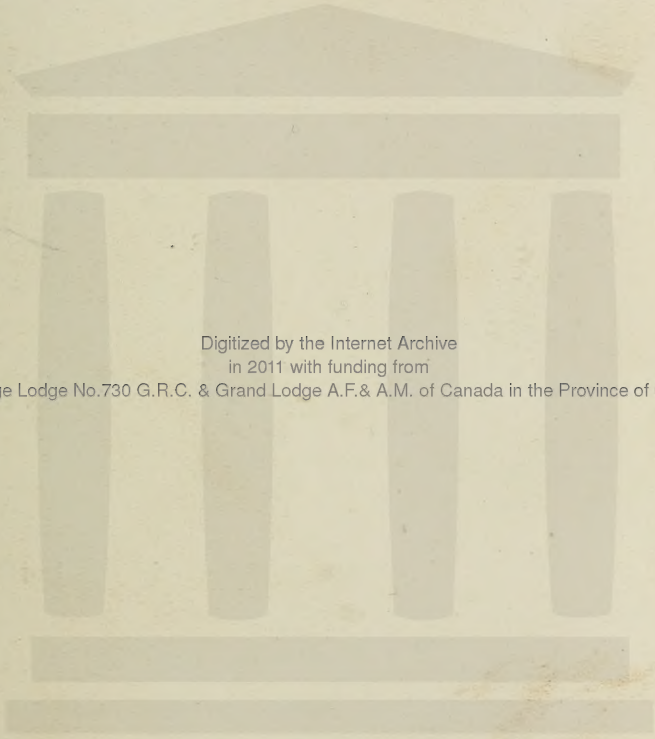


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PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF

ANCIENT FREE and ACCEPTED MASONS OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

ESPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS

HELD AT

THORNDALE ON THE 6TH SEPTEMBER, 1909
and at ST. THOMAS ON THE 4TH OCTOBER, 1909

ALSO

FIFTY-FIFTH

Annual Communication

HELD AT THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE

20th and 21st JULY, A. D. 1910 A. L. 5910

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Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held at the Village of Thorndale on Monday, the 6th day of September A. D., 1909, A. L. 5909.

Present:

M.W.Bro. D. F. Macwatt .....Grand Master.
R.W.Bro. J. W. Wallace ....as Deputy Grand Master.
R.W.Bro. E. T. Essery ....as Grand Senior Warden.
R.W.Bro. R. F. O'Neil .....as Grand Junior Warden.
R.W.Bro. Rev. Jas. Abery ..as Grand Chaplain.
R.W.Bro. J. A. Tancock ....as Grand Treasurer.
R.W.Bro. A. E. Cooper.....as Grand Secretary.
W.Bro. W. C. Fitzgerald..as Grand Senior Deacon.
R.W.Bro. R. Guest .....as Grand Junior Deacon.
V.W.Bro. W. H. Wardrope ..as Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
V.W.Bro. Frank Patterson ..as Asst. Grand Secretary.
V.W.Bro. Wm. Flock .....as Grand Sword Bearer.
W.Bro. Stratfald .....as Grand Pursuivant.
W.Bro. Hughes ....as Grand Organist.
W.Bro. Chas Hudson ....
W.Bro. J. L. Guest ....
W.Bro. D. A. Roberts .. } as Grand Stewards.
W.Bro. John Smith .....
W.Bro.M. J. Morrison ..
W.Bro. J. D. Smith .....as Grand Tyler.

Together with Masters, Past Masters and brethren hailing from the various lodges.

Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 3.30 p. m.by M. W. Bro. Daniel F. Macwatt, Grand Master, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the corner stone of the new Masonic Temple.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge officers having received the necessary directions, Grand Lodge was called off and the brethren proceeded to the site

in the prescribed order, taking their proper positions at the northeast corner of the building.

The acting Grand Chaplain invoked a blessing and the acting Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll and deposited it in the cavity in the stone:

In the Name and by the Favor of the Great Architect of the Universe

On the 6th day of September A. D. 1909, in the ninth year of the reign of our Most Gracious Sovereign.

Edward VII

By the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the seas, KING, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, etc.

His Excellency, the Right Honorable ALBERT HENRY GEORGE, EARL GREY, G.C.M.G., Viscount Howick and Baron Grey, of Howick, Northumberland, being Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.

His Honor JOHN MORISON GIBSON, K.C., L.L.D., being Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

The Right Honorable SIR WILFRID LAURIER, G.C.M.G., P.C., K.C., D.C.L., being Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Honorable SIR JAMES PLINY WHITNEY, K.C., being Premier of the Province of Ontario.

PETER ELSON, Esquire, being member for the Constituency of East Middlesex in the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada.

GEORGE NEELY, Esquire, being member for the Constituency of East Middlesex in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

M. W. Bro. DANIEL FRASER MACWATT being Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

R. W. Bro. AUBREY WHITE being Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

R. W. Bro. J. WILLIAM WALLACE being District Deputy Grand Master of the London District, No. 3.

This Corner Stone

of the Masonic Temple was laid by M. W. Bro. Daniel Fraser Macwatt, Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Lodge officers and in the presence of a large concourse of brethren and residents of Thorndale and the surrounding District.

The acting Grand Treasurer deposited the phial containing coins, newspapers and other records in the cavity beneath the stone.

The acting Grand Wardens and the acting Deputy Grand Master applied the instruments of their office to the stone, after it had been placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had done their duty.

The M. W. Grand Master consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil and pronounced it well made, truly laid, well proven, true and trusty.

The procession then re-formed and the brethren returned to the Lodge room, where Grand Lodge was closed.

GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF CANADA

AUDI VIDE TACE

R. Gurney

Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held at the City of St. Thomas, on Monday, the 4th day of October, A. D. 1909, A. L. 5909.

Present:

M.W.Bro. D. F. Macwatt .....Grand Master.
R.W.Bro. Fred Guest .....as Deputy Grand Master.
R.W.Bro. Thos. Rowe .....Grand Senior Warden.
R.W.Bro. Henry Roe .....as Grand Junior Warden.
R.W.Bro. J. W. Wallace .... District Deputy Grand Master.
R.W.Bro. J. W. Metherall ..as Grand Chaplain.
R.W.Bro. A. Leitch .....as Grand Treasurer.
R.W.Bro. L. Slater .....as Grand Secretary.
W.Bro. Geo. Hill .....as Grand Senior Deacon.
W.Bro. E. W. Glassco ....as Grand Junior Deacon.
V.W.Bro. W. E. Idsardi ....as Grand Supt. of Works.
R.W.Bro. S. E. Cornell .....as Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
V.W.Bro. John Boyd.....as Asst. Grand Secretary.
W.Bro. W. A. Burns .....as Grand Sword Bearer.
V.W.Bro. John Midgley .....as Grand Registrar.
W.Bro. G. T. Kennedy ....as Grand Organist.
W.Bro. Chas. Scrace .....as Grand Pursuivant.
W.Bro. P. S. Minshall ....as Grand Tyler.
W.Bro. E. W. Honsinger ..as Grand Steward.
W.Bro. R. W. Johnson ....as Grand Steward.
W.Bro. W. H. Ingram ....as Grand Steward.
W.Bro. E. Caughill .....as Grand Steward.
W.Bro. F. O. Lawrence....as Grand Steward.
W.Bro. J. Couse .....as Grand Steward.
W.Bro. W. L. Wickett ....as Grand Steward.

Together with Masters, Past Masters and brethren hailing from the various lodges.

Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 1.30 o'clock p. m., by the M. W., the Grand Master, who announced that this Especial Communication of Grand Lodge had been called to assist him in laying the corner stone of St. John's (Anglican) Church.

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T. W. CROTHERS, Esquire, being Member for the Constituency of West Elgin in the Parliament of Canada.

FINLAY G. MACDIARMID, Esquire, being Member for the Constituency of West Elgin in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

GEORGE GEDDES, Esquire, being Mayor of the City of St. Thomas.

M. W. Bro. DANIEL FRASER MACWATT being Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

R. W. Bro. AUBREY WHITE being Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

R. W. Bro. J. WM. WALLACE, being District Deputy Grand Master of the London District No. 3.

REV. W. A. GRAHAM, being Rector, and F. W. SUTHERLAND, Esquire, and DAVID GARDENER, Esquire, being Wardens of St. John's Church, (Anglican) St. Thomas.

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Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

PROCEEDINGS

At the Fifty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held in the City of Belleville, commencing Wednesday, the 20th day of July, A. D. 1910, A.L. 5910.

There Were Present:

THE GRAND MASTER

M. W. Bro. Daniel Fraser Macwatt, on the throne.

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

R. W. Bro. Aubrey White

R.W.Bro. Thomas Rowe .....Grand Senior Warden.
R.W.Bro. J. P. Rankin .....Grand Junior Warden.
R.W.Bro. Rev. F. E. Pitts .....Grand Chaplain.
R.W.Bro. R. L. Gunn .....Grand Secretary.
R.W.Bro. Geo. M. Gorrell .....Grand Registrar.
V.W.Bro. J. G. Forgie .....as Grand Senior Deacon.
V.W.Bro. W. H. Wardrope ....Grand Junior Deacon.
V.W.Bro. John Pearson ..... Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
V.W.Bro. Thomas Pedler .....as Asst. Grand Secretary.
V.W.Bro. F. P. Warne .....as Grand Organist.
V.W.Bro. J. B. Nixon .....as Asst. Grand Organist.
R.W.Bro. J. G. Liddell .....as Grand Pursuivant.
V.W.Bro. Robert Pye .....as Grand Sword Bearer.
V.W.Bro. Robt. Cox .....
V.W.Bro. Geo. Armstrong.. } as Grand Stewards.
V.W.Bro. H. F. Ketcheson .
W.Bro. Charles A. Hulley ...Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

R.W.Bro.	J. C. Elliott	Erie	District No.	1
"	J. H. Argue	St. Clair	"	2
"	J. W. Wallace	London	"	3
"	Chris. Hodgins	South Huron	"	4
"	D. Patterson	North Huron	"	5
"	J. A. Messecar	Wilson	"	6
"	D. W. Houston	Wellington	"	7
"	W. M. Logan	Hamilton	"	8

"	W. A. Sneath	Georgian	" 9
"	J. E. Merriman	Niagara	" 10
"	J. E. Francis	Toronto West	" 11
"	J. T. Power	Toronto East	" 11a
"	R. H. Spencer	Prince Edward	" 13
"	T. D. Minnes	Frontenac	" 14
"	A. Langstaff	St. Lawrence	" 15
"	D. H. McIntosh	Ottawa	" 16
"	T. J. Cherry	Algoma	" 17
"	J. B. Wallace	Nipissing	" 18
"	S. P. Ford	Otonabee	" 20
"	John Ridley	Eastern	" 21

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES	FROM GRAND LODGE OF
R.W.Bro. A. J. Young	Alberta.
R.W.Bro. R. L. Gunn	British Columbia.
R.W.Bro. Geo. S. May	Queensland.
M.W.Bro. J. H. Burritt, K.C...	South Australia.
R.W.Bro. W. D. McPherson, K.C.	Victoria.
R.W.Bro. Arthur McGinnis	Colorado.
R.W.Bro. S. E. Cornell	Connecticut.
R.W.Bro. Abraham Shaw	Illinois.
M.W.Bro. D. F. Macwatt	Louisiana.
R.W.Bro. Aubrey White	Maryland.
R.W.Bro. C. W. Haentschel, M.D.	Minnesota.
M.W.Bro. His Honor J. M. Gibson, K.C.	Montana.
R.W.Bro. F. W. Harcourt, K.C...	Nebraska.
R.W.Bro. Wm. Rea	New Mexico.
M.W.Bro. A. T. Freed	New York.
R.W.Bro. John Hoodless	North Carolina.
R.W.Bro. J. G. Liddell	Oklahoma.
R.W.Bro. W. R. Cavell	Rhode Island.
R.W.Bro. J. C. Bartram	South Carolina.
R.W.Bro. S. A. Luke	Vermont.
M.W.Bro. J. E. Harding, K.C...	West Virginia.
R.W.Bro. A. E. Cooper	Belgium.
R.W.Bro. W G. Eakins, M.A. ..	Hungary.
R.W.Bro. W. J. Drope	Peru.

The above named Grand Representatves were received and welcomed by the M. W. the Grand Master and were accorded Grand Honors.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS

Past Grand Masters—M. W. Bros. His Honor, J. M. Gibson, J. E. Harding, J .H. Burritt, and A. T. Freed.

Past District Deputy Grand Masters—R. W. Bros. John Hoodless, W. J. Drope, Donald Ross, Aubrey White, F. W. Harcourt, R. L. Gunn, G. S. May, S. A. Luke, A. Shaw, Wm. Jackson, W. H. Walkey, James Ross, F. Guest, J. G. Liddell, W. N. Ponton, R. W. Longmore, Wm. Rea,

P. W. D. Broderick, T. D. Minnes, S. McWhorter, J. E. Francis, W. D. McPherson, J. B. Way, J. B. Nixon, W. F. Miller, J. F. Graham, J. P. Rankin, John Smith, D. B. Miller, John Jardine, A. Jardine, R. L. Guest, J. A. Macfadden, E. J. B. Duncan, Jas. Whitten, A. H. Clark, R. H. Revell, C. W. Haentschel, Wm. Williamson, A. J. Young, R. H. Arthur, C. V. Emory, E. C. Campbell, Wm. Webster, H. G. Stafford, John Sinclair, W. Rae, Thos. Brown, N. A. Bonesteel, Henry Pringle, Alex. Cowan, Geo. E. White, Geo. Crumb, John Malloy, R. A. Hutchison, W. T. Hands, John Newton, S. S. Lazier, Geo. K. Dewey, J. DeW. Randall, S. Love, S. C. Holley, A. B. Carscallen, J. H. Metcalfe.

Past Grand Senior Wardens—R. W. Bros. W. G. Eakins.

Past Grand Junior Wardens—R. W. Bros. P. A. Somerville, J. C. Bartram, R. V. Matthews.

Past Grand Registrars—

Past Grand Chaplains—Rev. W. L. Armitage, Rev. D. F. Bogart, Rev. W. T. Wilkins.

Past Grand Senior Deacons—V. W. Bros. J. G. Forgie.

Past Grand Junior Deacon—V. W. Bro. H. J. Charles.

Past Grand Director of Ceremonies—V. W. Bros. A. J. Brown.

Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies—V. W. Bros. A. J. Brown, A. G. Horwood.

Past Grand Superintendent of Works—

Past Grand Organist—V. W. Bro. F. P. Warne.

Past Grand Stewards—V. W. Bros. W. J. McAllister, C. C. Norris, F. D. Diamond, F. Holwell, T. Pedler, J. H. Dickinson, R. G. Hoover.

Past Grand Standard Bearers—V. W. Bros. John Parsell, James McNeil.

Past Grand Pursuivant—V. W. Bro. J. G. Constable.

Past Grand Sword Bearer—V. W. Bro. Robt. Pye.

His Worship, W. Bro. L. W. Marsh, Mayor of the City of Belleville, accompanied by W. Bro. W. C. Mikel, City Solicitor, was introduced by the Grand Director of Ceremonies and delivered the following address of welcome:

Most Worshipful Sirs, R. W., V. W., Sirs and Brethren:

I am asked to appear here this morning to say a few words and to voice the official welcome of Belleville to the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada.

My words will be few, but my welcome cordial.

It seems fitting that Belleville, the home of one of the oldest Lodges (Moira No. 11) on the Grand Register of Canada, this growing city of some 12,000 population, containing three Blue Lodges, with a live membership of six or seven hundred, should be chosen occasionally for the convocation of Grand Lodge. This city is the centre of a district populated 125 years ago by a sturdy race of Britons, who were not long in instituting a Masonic Lodge, and I think I am safe in saying that this city and this district form one of the staunchest Masonic centres in Canada.

Because we are Masons and because there are so many of us, we give you a hearty greeting to Belleville, we wish you could meet here oftener.

We hope you find the accommodation arranged for your Body both ample and satisfactory, and that your entertainment while here will lead you to decide to visit Belleville again in the near future.

We hope those of you who can find the time will drive through the city, visit our parks and realize thoroughly what a beautiful, vigorous and growing place is this Belleville on the beautiful Bay of Quinte.

Brethren, on behalf of the City Council, and the people of Belleville, I, as Mayor, extend to this Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons for Ontario, a most cordial welcome to this city. May your visit be pleasant, your labors profitable and tend towards the further extension of the principles of brotherly love, relief and truth.

L. W. MARSH,
Mayor.

Belleville, Ont., July 20, 1910.

The Grand Master made a most suitable and gracious reply. He requested His Worship to assure the Council that the visit of Grand Lodge to Belleville would, indeed, be a pleasant one.

GRAND LODGE OPENED.

A constitutional number of lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 10.20 o'clock a.m., and the Grand Chaplain implored a blessing from the G.A.O.T.U. upon the proceedings.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

R. W. Bro. Robert H. Revell, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials of representatives and proxies from lodges, reported that there wert 404 warranted lodges on the register; 189 are represented by

the regular officers, 74 by proxy, and 79 by Past Masters; a total of 263 lodges represented; 141 lodges were not represented. There were 635 names registered, having a total of 1192 votes. The following are the names of those present:

No. 2 **Niagara, Niagara.**

W. Bro. T. M. Ferguson, W. M.; R. W. Bro. J. DeW. Randall.

No. 3 **Ancient St. John's, Kingston.**

W. Bro. A. R. B. Williamson, W.M.; Bro. F. Etherington, S.W.; W. Bro. W. H. Gimblett, P. M.

No. 5 **Sussex, Brockville.**

W .Bro. Jas. Copland, W.M.; R. W. Bro. George K. Dewey, W. Bros. J. A. Derbyshire, Thos. Dowell, A. H. Gillham and Lee Walter, P. Ms.

No. 6 **The Barton, Hamilton.**

W. Bro. T. Booker, W.M.; M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, R. W. Bro. John Hoodless and W. Bros. G. Armstrong, J. G. Gauld and S. M. Kenney, P. Ms.

No. 7 **Union, Grimsby.**

R. W. Bro. W. J. Drope, P. M.

No. 9 **Union, Napanee.**

W. Bro. Geo. F. Walters, W. M.; W. Bros. F. T. Dibbs and H. A. Wood, P. Ms.

No. 10 **Norfolk, Simcoe.**

W. Bro. L. F. Aiken, W.M.

No. 11 **Moira, Belleville.**

W. Bro. Wm. McGie, W. M.; Bro. R. C. Blagrave, S. W.; R. W. Bros. D. F. Bogart, A. McGinnis, John Newton, S. S. Lazier, V. W. Bro. H. F. Ketcheson, and W. Bros. P. C. Jones, Robert Colling, A. E. McColl, David Price, Geo. Dulmage, W. C. Mickel, C. Ashley, Frank Elvins and W. W. Anderson, P.Ms.

No. 14 **True Britons, Perth.**

R. W. Bro. W. T. Hands, P. M.

No. 15 **St. George's, St. Catharines.**

W. Bro. George E. Burch, W. M.

No. 16 **St. Andrew's, Toronto.**

W. Bro. W. T. Giles, W. M.; V. W. Bro. John Pearson, and W. Bro. A. McComb, P. Ms.

No. 17 **St. John's, Cobourg.**

W. Bro. Jas. F. McCullough, W. M.

No. 18 **Prince Edward, Picton.**

W Bro. Nelson Ostrander, W. M.; Bro. R. E. Wright, S. W.; R. W. Bro. Donald Ross and W. Bros. Hiram Wellbanks, W. R. Leavens, H. Mulholland, John Shaw, W. Moore, J. H. Colden and D. J. Barker, P. Ms.

No. 20 **St. John's, London.**

R. W. Bro. Thos. Rowe, P. M.

No. 21a **St. John's, Vankleek Hill.**

W. Bro. Wm. Bowden, W. M.; and W. Bros. H. C. Jones and S. M. Morrison,, P. Ms.

No. 22 **King Solomon's, Toronto.**

W. Bro. John Jennings, W. M.; Bros. John Tanner, S. W.; John McL. Hartley, J. W.; W. Bros. A. A. Davis, Geo. Carruthers, R. McClelland, S. Hollingworth, Raymond Walker, Wm. Stinson, John McKerracher and Norman Elder, P. Ms.

No. 23 **Richmond, Richmond Hill.**

W. Bros. Thos. Newton, P. M. and proxy; W. H. Legge, P. M.

No. 24 **St. Francis, Smith's Falls.**

W. Bro. W. B. Newton, W. M.

No. 25 **Ionic, Toronto.**

R. W. Bro. Geo. W. Eakins, P. M. and proxy; R. W. Bros. Aubrey White, F. W. Harcourt and W. Bro. K. J. Dunstan, P. Ms.

No. 26 **Ontario, Port Hope.**

W. Bro. R. M. Wade, W. M.

No. 27 **Strict Observance, Hamilton.**

Bro. C. A. Herald, S. W.; R. W. Bros. R. L. Gunn, and R. A. Hutchison, W. Bros. W. F. McGiverin, George Walker, W. Parke, W. C. Breckinridge, J. A. Yorick, A. W. Peene, G. R. Lloyd and E. J. Moore, P.Ms.

No. 28 **Mt. Zion, Kemptville.**

W. Bro. R. Conn, W. M.; R. W. Bro. A. Langstaff, P. M.

No. 29 **United, Brighton.**

W. Bro. A. D. Bullock, W. M.

No. 30 **Composite, Whitby.**

W. Bro. A. T. Lawlor, P. M. and proxy.

No. 31 **Jerusalem, Bowmanville.**

W. Bro. F. F. Morris, W. M.

No. 35 **St. John's, Cayuga.**

W. Bro. E. S. Baxter, P. M. and proxy.

No. 37 **King Hiram, Ingersoll.**

Bro. Roger Miller, J. W.; and W. Bros. Geo. Naylor and Chas. Choate, P. Ms.

No. 38 **Trent, Trenton.**

W. Bro. H. W. Peck, W. M.; Bros. S. P. Peck, S. W.; B. S. Hooey, J. W.; R. W. Bros. R. H. Spencer, Rev. W. T. Wilkins, and W. Bros. S B. McClung, B. H. Siddall, W. Booth, A. E. Bywater, P.Ms.

No. 40 **St. John's, Hamilton.**

V. W. Bro. W. J. McAllister, P. M. and proxy; R. W. Bros. P. A. Somerville, Wm. Logan, W. F. Miller, John Malloy, T. McCallum, Wm. Birrell and W. Bro. R. A. Thompson, P. Ms.

No 41 **St George's, Kingsville.**

W. Bro. Wm. Woodiwiss, W. M.; W. Bro. B. S. Sheldon, P. M.

No. 42 **St George's, London.**

W. Bro. A. E. Cettinger, W. M.

No. 43 **King Solomon's, Woodstock.**

W. Bro. Geo. Dingwell, W. M.

No. 44 **St. Thomas, St. Thomas.**

W. Bro. John Henning, W. M.

No. 45 **Brant, Brantford**

W. Bro. W. S. Giddens, W. M.

No. 46 **Wellington, Chatham**

W. Bro. J. W. Verrall, W. M.; R. W. Bro. Geo. Crumb, and W. Bro. F. D. Laurie, P. Ms.

No. 47 **Great Western, Windsor.**

W. Bro. J. F. Reid, W. M.; Bro. Jas. Thompson, S. W.; Bro. W. J. Douglas, J. W.; R. W. Bros. W. F. Miller and Geo. E. White, W. Bros. G. English and H. A. Gatfield, P. Ms.

No. 48 **Madoc, Madoc.**

W. Bro. F. A. Cottle, W. M.; W. Bros. C. J. Young, A. H. Watson, W. J. Hill, W. J. Moore, D. Eagleson and L. F. Morrice, P. Ms.

No. 50 **Consecon, Consecon.**

W. Bro. Chas. Carter, W. M.; W. Bros. G. J. Waddell, D. H. Rowe, E. M. Johnson, P. Ms.

No. 52 **Dalhousie, Ottawa.**

W. Bro. J. D. Denny, W. M.; R. W. Bro. Geo. S. May, W. Bros. J. R. Hill, and E. J. McCleary, P. Ms.

No. 54 **Vaughan, Maple.**

W. Bro. C. T. Stephenson, W. M.; W. Bro. J. B. McLean, P. M.

No. 55 **Merrickville, Merrickville.**

W. Bro. Geo. W. Scott, W. M.

No. 56 **Victoria, Sarnia.**

W. Bro. W. T. Goodison, W. M.; W. Bro. Thomas Montgomery, P. M.

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No. 429 **Port Elgin, Port Elgin.**
V. W. Bro. John Parsell, P. M. and proxy.

No. 434 **Algonquin, Emsdale.**
Bro. J. F. McDonald, S. W.; R. W. Bro. J. H. Metcalfe, P. M.

No. 437 **Tuscan, Sarnia.**
W. Bro. J. A. Bell, W. M.; R. W. Bro. S. E. Cornell, P. M.

No. 438 **Harmony, Toronto.**
W. Bro. John A. Rowland, W. M.

No. 439 **Alexandria, Alexandria.**
Bro. Geo. Simon, S. W.

No. 440 **Arcadia, Minden.**
W. Bro. D. J. Hartle, P. M. and proxy.

No. 441 **Westport, Westport.**
W. Bro. B. C. Taggart, W. M

No. 444 **Nitetis, Creemore.**
W. Bro. Geo. E. J. Brown, P. M. and proxy.

No. 447 **Sturgeon Falls, Sturgeon Falls.**
W. Bro. J. A. Nixon, W. M.; W. Bro. A. W. Smith, P. M.

No. 451 **Somerville, Kinmount.**
W. Bro. E. A. Wellstood, W. M.; W. Bro. G. H. Dawkins, P. M.

No. 452 **Avonmore, Avonmore.**
W. Bro. W. A. McNaughton, W. M.

No. 454 **Corona, Burk's Falls.**
W. Bro. Rev. A. H. Allman, W. M.; W. Bro. G. W. Harris, P. M.

No. 455 **Doric, Little Current.**
R. W. Bro. J. B. Wallace, P. M. and proxy.

No. 456 **Elma, Monkton.**
W. Bro. John C. Flood, W. M.; W. Bros. A. Chalmers, J. J. Struthers, J. C. Ellacott and A. J. Cundick, P. Ms.

No. 458 **Wales, Wales.**
W. Bro. Rev. O. C. Pitts, P. M. and proxy.

No. 459 **Cobden, Cobden**
W. Bro. R. Delahey, P. M. and proxy.

No. 462 **Temiscaming, New Liskeard.**
W. Bro. J. A. McKelvie, W. M.; Bro. L. H. Neil, S. W.; Bro. M. McLeod, J. W.; W. Bros. F. W. Haynes, C. H. Fullerton, Rev. F. E. Pitts, W. Magladary, P.Ms.

No. 463 **North Entrance, Haliburton.**
R. W. Bro. Ralph Clark, P. M. and proxy.

No. 466 **Coronation, Elmvale.**
W. Bro. J. L. Thompson, W.M.; R. W. Bro. W. A. Sneath, P. M.

No. 467 **Tottenham, Tottenham.**
W. Bro. A. P. Potter, P. M. and proxy.

No. 470 **Victoria, Victoria Harbar.**
W. Bro. F. Porter, W. M.

No. 473 **The Beaches, Toronto.**
W. Bro. E. F. Walker, P. M. and proxy; Bro. Wm. E. Nugent, S.W.

No. 474 **Victoria, Toronto.**
W. Bro. W. E. Birrell, W. M.

No. 475 **Dundurn, Hamilton.**
W. Bros. G. H. Lanigan, P. M. and proxy; John Burns P. M.

No. 476 **Corinthian, North Gower.**
W. Bro. John Cryderman, P. M. and proxy.

No. 478 **Milverton, Milverton.**
W. Bro. Thos. Hutchison, W. M.

No. 480 **Williamsburg, N. Williamsburg.**
W. Bro. W. C. Strader, W. M.

No. 481 **Corinthian, Toronto.**
W. Bro. John Stephens, P. M.; Bro. J. M. Downer, S. W.

No. 482 **Bancroft, Bancroft.**
Bros. J. H. Morrison, S. W.; and John Wood, J. W.

No. 483 **Granton, Granton.**
W. Bro. A. J. Chatworthy, W. M.; Wm. Dann, P. M.

No. 484 **Golden Star, Dryden.**
W. Bro. Rev. A. J. Bruce, W. M.

No. 485 **Haileybury, Haileybury.**
W. Bro. Frank H. Ebbitt, W. M.

No. 486 **Silver, Cobalt.**
Bro. W. E. T. Barton, J. W.

No. 489 **Osiris, Smith's Falls.**
W. Bro. J. R. Nichol, W. M.

No. 491 **Cardinal, Cardinal.**
R. W. Bro. John F. Graham, P. M.

No. 492 **Karnak, Coldwater.**
W. Bro. Chas. Simons, W. M.

No. 493 **St. Mary's, St. Mary's.**
W. Bro. John Pool, S. W.

No. 494 **Riverdale, Toronto.**
W. Bro. Rev. E. R. J. Biggs, W. M.

No. 495 **Electric, Hamilton.**
Bro. J. G. Gibson, J. W.

No. 496 **University, Toronto.**
M. W. Bro. His Honor, J. M. Gibson, W. M.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

M. W. Bros. J. E. Harding and J. H. Burritt, acting as a deputation, introduced to Grand Lodge, M. W. Bro. J. A. Cameron, Grand Master and R. W. Bro. Will H. Whyte, Grand Secretary, of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, who were cordially welcomed by the M. W. the Grand Master, and were accorded Grand Honors. M. W. Bro. Cameron expressed his pleasure in being able to visit this Grand Lodge, of which the Grand Lodge of Quebec was the elder daughter.

R. W. Bro. Arthur McGinnes introduced the Worshipful Masters of the local Lodges in Belleville, who presented the following address of welcome to the Grand Master.

ADDRESS OF THE CRAFT IN BELLEVILLE TO THE GRAND MASTER.

To M. W. Brother, His Honor, Judge D. F. Macwatt, Grand Master, and the Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

On behalf of the brethren of the Ancient Craft in Belleville, we extend to you a hearty welcome to our beautiful city beside the Bay of Quinte on the occasion of this, the fifty-fifth communication of the Grand Lodge. In the fourteen years which have passed since the Grand Lodge met in this city, not only has the craft increased generally throughout the jurisdiction in influence, numbers and wealth, but in Belleville and the Prince Edward District also that increase has been shared in a marked degree. Many of those who were with us then to welcome Grand Lodge are with us no more forever, but their labors have not been in vain, they have left behind to us, their successors, a glorious heritage of true Masonic spirit.

When the brethren in Belleville learned that Grand Lodge would convene in our city this year, we rejoiced that it would be our privilege to entertain within our walls its many members, and among them we hoped to greet the veteran Mason, M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, but the G.A.O.T.U. has called him higher in the fullness of years and influence.

We congratulate you, Most Worshipful Sir, on the success which has attended your labors in the furthering of the Semi-Centennial Fund.

We congratulate you also on the success which has attended the Lodges of Instruction held under your personal supervision in so many of the districts throughout the jurisdiction.

We hope and believe that your deliberations at this time in Belleville will be both pleasant to yourselves and profitable to the craft, and may the Great Architect of the Universe guide you to devise plans for the future of the craft, that, building on them wisely, and well, we may more fully exemplify those truly fundamental Masonic principles, Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love.

Dated at Belleville this 20th day of July, A. D. 1910, A. L. 5910.

Signed on behalf of the brethren,

WILLIAM McGEE,
W. M. Moira Lodge No. 11
C. D. DYKE,
W. M. the Belleville Lodge, No. 123.
ALEX. WALKER,
W. M. Eureka Lodge, No. 283.

The M. W. the Grand Master, thanked the deputation for their words of courtesy and for the hospitality which was being accorded by the Craft in Belleville, and assured them that their kindness was fully appreciated and would ever be remembered by Grand Lodge.

The M. W. Grand Master granted permission for the admission to the side seats of Grand Lodge of all Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

The Grand Secretary read the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of business.

The Grand Secretary commenced to read the minutes of Proceedings at the last annual communication, when it was

Moved by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, and

Resolved, That the minutes of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge at the Fifty-fourth Annual Communication, held in the City of London on the 21st and 22nd days of July, A. D. 1909, having been printed and copies thereof forwarded to the constituent lodges, the same be considered as read and they be now confirmed.

Letters and telegrams of regret were read from M. W. Bros. Henry Robertson, J. Ross Robertson, Hon. William Gibson, E. T. Malone and Benjamin Allen, and R. W. Bros. William Forbes and J. Kerr Bryden.

THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

Brethren of Grand Lodge :

In welcoming you to the fifty-fifth Annual Communication, I am pleased to be able to state that the year just closed has been one of the best in the history of the craft in this jurisdiction, financially and numerically. Further, we have had that harmony which should always be prevalent among Masons. There have been few occasions, considering our large membership, when it has been necessary for me, as your Grand Master, to administer admonition.

Our relations with sister Grand Lodges have been free from disturbance of any kind.

For the year ended 31st May, 1909, the revenue of Grand Lodge was $37,446.60; and for the year ended 31st May, 1910, it was $41,207.39—an increase of $3,760.79.

The expenditure for ordinary purposes was $15,-186.53, leaving a surplus of $26,020.86, as against one last year of $20,415.27.

Grants for Benevolence from the ordinary fund were $21,956.30 in 1908; $24,362 in 1909 and $24,124 in 1910.

The grants for Benevolence from interest received from the monies paid in towards the Semi-Centennial Fund were $1,210 in 1908; $2,010 in 1909 and $2,-552.34 in 1910.

The total grants for Benevolence for the year just closed amounted to $26,676.34.

The lodges have paid into the Semi-Centennial Fund during the year ended 31st May, 1910, $18.263,-58, an increase over the former year's contributions of $10,605.97. During the month of June, 1910, there has been paid in an additional sum of $4,526.02, so that the capital sum, at this date, is $72,376.70. This leaves $27,623.30 still payable by lodges.

The membership on 31st May, 1909 was 43,900; on 31st May, 1910, it stood at 46,000, an increase for the year of 2,100. We have 413 lodges on the roll.

On 31st May, 1904, 387 lodges were liable to contribute to the Semi-Centennial Fund, and up to May 31st, 1909, only 60 had paid their quota in full. Last year 88 lodges were added to this list, so that on 31st May last, 148 lodges had paid in full, and 239 have yet to pay. At present only 37 lodges have not contributed at all.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

The hand of death has been laid heavily upon this and sister jurisdictions, during the past year, many distinguished brethren having received that last summons which we shall all receive, and cannot decline.

As we have a Standing Committee on Fraternal Dead, who can best present fitting tributes to departed brethren, I did not propose to refer to the subject at length, but two have gone on the long journey from

which there is no return, who I feel should be mentioned, briefly, in this address. I refer to His late Majesty, Edward VII, the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England from 1875 to 1901, when he ascended the throne of the Empire, and since that date the Patron of the Grand Lodge and the Protector of the Craft; and to the late Most Worshipful Brother Alexander Allan Stevenson, at the time of his death, our oldest Past Grand Master.

King Edward VII., the Peacemaker, as he will always be known, who died so suddenly on the evening of Friday, the 6th May last, is, and shall be for many years, sincerely mourned.

It has been well said of him, "No three Kings in the whole range of British history enjoyed, at any time, such universal affection as was given to Edward VII. throughout his life."

He was greatly loved and respected both at home and abroad. The Empire, as a whole, felt that in him the first of Britons has passed away—a monarch whose name is written among the highest in the roll of British Sovereigns—a patriot, a statesman, a diplomat,—and one well-fitted by the vigor of his intellect, and the engaging charm of temperament, to be the actual as well as the ceremonial chief of the numerous peoples throughout the Empire, comprising four hundred millions, or nearly one-third of the population of the Globe.

To the Queen Mother, our hearts must go out in deepest condolence. For over forty-seven years she has been a faithful wife, a devoted mother, and like her late mother-in-law, Queen Victoria, a good woman, in the fullest sense of the term.

On the morning of the 7th of May last, I cabled Her Majesty, expressing on behalf of Grand Lodge, representing nearly 50,000 members, our deepest sympathy in the heavy loss Her Majesty, the Empire and the world had sustained in the death of the King.

On the 9th of May I received the following reply:

"Queen Alexandra sends her sincere thanks to the Grand Lodge of Masons of Canada for their kind sympathy in her bereavement."

Many applications were made for dispensations to attend Memorial Services in honor of King Edward: but these I felt compelled to refuse for reasons given later on, under the head of Dispensations.

The two outstanding features in the short reign of the late King were Peace and Duty. His last words should be our maxim from this time forward; "I have tried to do my duty."

I instructed the Grand Secretary to issue a Memorial Circular calling upon all lodges in the jurisdiction to drape their altars and warrants for three months. The circular was as follows:

IN MEMORIAM.

MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER EDWARD VII.
P. G. M. U. G. L. England,
and Protector of the Craft.

Born November 9th, 1841 Initiated September, 1868
Died May 6th, 1910 Grand Master 1875-1901.

Grand Lodge
A. F. and A. M. of Canada
in the Province of Ontario
Office of the Grand Master
Sarnia, Ont., May 20th, 1910

To the Masters, Wardens and Brethren in the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

On May 6th, 1910, at Buckingham Palace, where he was born, died our beloved Most Worshipful Brother

EDWARD VII,

By the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions Beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, etc., and Protector of the Craft.

It is hereby directed that all our Lodges drape their altars and charters for the space of three months, as an expression of the very great respect and love we entertain for the memory of our distinguished Brother.

Let his closing words, "Well, it is all over, but I think I have done my duty," be our motto for the future.

It is further ordered that this memorial be read in open Lodge at your next Communication and entered on the minutes.

R. L. GUNN, Grand Secretary.

D. F. MACWATT, Grand Master.

Most Worshipful Brother Alexander Allan Stevenson was born in Kilmarnock, Scotland, on the 15th day of January, 1829, and came to Canada in the year 1846. From his arrival in Montreal, in the latter year, he resided in that city till his death on the 9th of April last. He was initiated in St. George's lodge, No. 13, (now No. 10), Montreal, under the registry of the Grand Lodge of Canada, on the 15th of June, 1856; and from that date was an earnest, active and useful member of the craft. He was elected and installed as Grand Master of this Grand Lodge at London, Ont., on the 10th July, 1868, re-elected at Montreal, in July, 1869; again at Toronto, in July, 1870.

He rarely missed an Annual Communication, and his yearly visits to Grand Lodge were eagerly looked forward to by the brethren.

His career as a citizen of Montreal, and the benefit he was to that city as well as his business and military services, will be more fully dealt with by the Committee on Fraternal Dead.

He was kindly, sympathetic and generous, and he was always honored by his brethren.

His mother was a cousin of Scotland's national bard, Robert Burns. His last public appearance was at a reception given to me by the brethren of Ottawa on the 9th February last, and while he did not look in the best of health, his death was, in a manner, unexpected till shortly before the end came.

The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec called an Especial Communication of Grand Lodge for the purpose of conducting the funeral, which was very largely attended. There were 500 Masons in line—the largest number ever seen in Montreal—and, I rather think anywhere in Canada. Our Grand Lodge

is indebted to Most Worshipful Brother Cameron, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and his officers, for the respect shown by them to our beloved Past Grand Master during his last earthly journey.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

I have made 36 official visits during the year, besides attending at the office of the Grand Secretary when necessary, and at St. Catharines and London in connection with the Benevolent Fund. This necessitated travelling 12,840 miles. Two corner stones were laid, one that of the new hall of Mount Olivet Lodge, No. 300, Thorndale, and the other of St. John's Episcopal Church at St. Thomas. I also presided at one institution and nine dedications, a list of which will appear in the report of the Grand Secretary.

I attended twelve of the seventeen Lodges of Instruction held in fifteen districts; installed the officers of four lodges; attended the funeral of our late Most Worshipful Brother Stevenson, Past Grand Master; and the Memorial Services held by the Masons of Sarnia in their lodge room on the evening of 20th May last, in memory of our late King. The remainder of the visits were official to various lodges throughout the jurisdiction, and extended from Ottawa to Fort Frances. Everywhere I went I was kindly and enthusiastically received as your Grand Master.

I have been in 18 of the 22 districts in the jurisdiction officially, having visited in some part of all, except Nos. 14, 19, 20 and 21.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The following brethren, upon my recommendation, have been appointed Grand Representatives of sister Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge:

Right Worshipful Brother C. W. Haentschell, Past District Deputy Grand Master, of Haileybury, for the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Most Worshipful Brother Stevenson.

Right Worshipful Brother J. C. Bartram, Past Grand Junior Warden, Ottawa, for the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, to fill the vacancy caused by the

death of the late Right Worshipful Brother T. C. MacNab.

Right Worshipful Brother S. E. Cornell, Past District Deputy Grand Master, Sarnia, for the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Most Worshipful Brother Stevenson.

There is also a vacancy for the Grand Lodge of Brazil, but as we have received no proceedings for years, and cannot get any replies to letters, or find out in what shape Masonic matters are in that country, I have not attempted to fill the office. The Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is making an investigation and will likely report at this Communication.

On account of the death of Right Worshipful Brother Fitzgibbon, one of the Lords Justices of Ireland, who was our representative near that Grand Lodge, I have appointed his son, Right Worshipful Brother Gerald Fitzgibbon, K.C., to that office.

Our representative near the Grand Lodge of Indiana for several years, Right Worshipful Brother Gillott, having resigned, on account of the state of his health, I appointed, on the recommendation of the Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother Jacoby to the office.

Our representative near the Grand Lodge of Chile, Right Worshipful Brother Stanley W. Hendrie having sent in his resignation, on the recommendation of the Grand Master, a commission issued to Right Worshipful Brother John Ramsay, to fill the vacancy.

Applications have been received from Grand Bodies in Roumania and Turkey for recognition, and they have been referred to the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, who will likely report to the Board of General Purposes, by whom it will be brought before you for your consideration and decision.

THE GRAND MASTER OF VIRGINIA AND ORILLIA LODGE NO. 192, ORILLIA.

Last September I received a letter from Most Worshipful Brother Joseph W. Eggleston, Grand Master of Virginia, asking me to thank the brethren of Orillia

Lodge, No. 192, Orillia, for their kindness and attention to Worshipful Brother W. C. Shelby, of that jurisdiction, on the occasion of the death and burial of his son, Bro. Carlyse Shelby, an Entered Apprentice. Worshipful Brother Shelby, who is a warm personal friend of the Grand Master of Virginia, wrote him as follows: "My boy and I were, as we thought, among strangers in that far away land; but we were not. The 'viewless tie' goes beyond the border of our land, and the Masonic brethren there, voluntarily, and without appeal, proved themselves *really* brethren. They could not give my boy a Masonic burial, for he was only an Entered Apprentice; but they attended at his grave and deposited therein the emblem of the Resurrection. No more warm-hearted, brotherly brethren have I ever seen in the thirty years of my Masonry, and I want you to write a letter to the Grand Master of Canada, and through him to them, expressing for me (and for yourself), appreciation for their manifestation of the real Masonic and Fraternal spirit."

I sent a copy of the letter of the Grand Master of Virginia to Orillia lodge and thanked them in his name, in the name of the bereaved brother, in my own name and in that of Grand Lodge, for their kindly action and brotherly sympathy, and in writing Most Worshipful Brother Eggleston said: "That no matter what imaginary lines divided our respective countries, there is no dividing line in Masonry."

The action of Orillia Lodge upheld the best teachings of the craft, and I am glad and proud, that a lodge in my old district, where I represented the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, twenty years ago, carried out our principles so well.

GRAND LODGE MEETING

From information sent to me during the last few months, I feared the accommodation for the members in attendance at this Grand Lodge would be anything but ample. I considered the matter along with the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master, whether a change could be made; but we came to the conclusion that, under the constitution, as Grand Lodge had decided we were to meet in Belleville, we could not make

a change, and if the members suffered, Grand Lodge had itself to blame.

If, however, the information I had is correct, that only 400 out of the 800 or 1,000 in attendance can be accommodated, apart from private houses, Grand Lodge should take steps to allow the Grand Master, after consultation, if found absolutely necessary, to change the place of meeting; but such change should not take place unless one month's notice can be given to the lodges.

As Grand Lodge is getting very large and unwieldy, I strongly recommend that consideration be given to reducing the membership of that body. The Grand Lodge of New York, in 1849, I believe, changed its constitution in that way, yet it was not until a period of nearly 60 years had elapsed that they got the full benefit of the change, as it was only a year or two ago that the last member died, under the old constitution, which was very like ours at present. The members of the Grand Lodge of New York are the elected and appointed officers, the Masters and Wardens of the year, (no Past Masters being members), the Past Grand officers who retain membership in the Grand Lodge and vote, after their term expires, and who are the Past Grand Masters, the Past Deputy Grand Masters and the Past Grand Wardens.

A proposition was made to Grand Lodge in 1905 to embody the above in our constitution, with the addition, that all Past Masters then eligible should retain their membership in Grand Lodge, as well as the Masters and Wardens of lodges for a period of say three years; but that all Past Masters after that date should not be members. It is estimated that it would take about 60 years to do away with the Past Master vote under such an amendment.

We have 3,500, or more, Past Masters who are members of this Grand Lodge, so something must be done and soon, as we are adding to this number several hundred yearly. If not, Grand Lodge will be compelled to hold its Annual Communication in the city of Toronto, the only place at present where we can receive ample accommodation.

I would further suggest that it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to give notice of motion of any amendments to the constitution in time for the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, with reference to all recommendations of Grand Officers and Committees of Grand Lodge, which are approved by that body, and which render an amendment necessary.

At a meeting of the Board of General Purposes held at London last year, after the close of Grand Lodge, it was unanimously decided that in future evening dress should be worn only at lodge or Grand Lodge meetings, when held in the evening.

When we consider the time at which Grand Lodge meets, and the great heat we generally have at that season of the year, this was a wise decision and one that, I am sure, will commend itself to all.

GRAND LODGE INVESTMENTS

As we had about $25,000 in debentures maturing between the 1st May and 1st July this year, the Investment Committee was called together early in April last, to make the necessary arrangements. We have been fortunate, through the efforts of the Grand Treasurer, Most Worshipful Brother Malone, Past Grand Master, in getting 4¾% to 5% on our investments heretofore. Now, however, it is difficult to get the class of investments we desire at that rate, or even at a lower rate, so arrangements were made with the Toronto General Trusts Company by which they will invest $50,000 for us as our trustees at 4½%, payable half yearly, for a term of five years, and guarantee the loans.

Since then the Grand Treasurer succeeded in getting $15,000 invested in municipal debentures at a better rate and that was closed; but so far we have invested with the Toronto General Trusts Company $16,000, $11,000 of the General Fund and $5,000 of the Semi-Centennial Fund on which the Company allows us 4⅝%. If it be possible to get better than 4½% on municipal debentures we shall take them; but if not we can then fall back on this offer to obtain for us guaranteed investments yielding 4½% half yearly.

The securities in which the Company invests our monies are ear-marked as invested for us, and a proper

agreement has been received from it covering that; and further, that our officers and auditors have the right to inspect the Company's books at any time we deem necessary. Every safe-guard has been taken and Grand Lodge is to be congratulated on the investment which the company holds for it as trustee.

In this arrangement I may say the General Fund and the Semi-Centennial Fund are kept apart, and we have separate agreements as to each.

GRAND LODGE REGALIA

My attention has been called to the fact that regalia manufacturers are turning out regalia ordered for use by our members, not in accordance with the rules of Grand Lodge in the matter, as laid down in the Constitution. We shall have a variegated appearance in a few years if this be allowed.

The Grand Lodge color is "garter blue" and no other should be accepted or permitted. One manufacturer, I understand, has intimated that he has another shade of blue in stock, and till his supply is exhausted proposes to use it. This information I have received on reliable authority.

AMERICAN GENERAL RELIEF ASSOCIATION

The General Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada has been of inestimable benefit to the craft in this jurisdiction. We affiliated with the Association twenty-one years ago, and, through the warning circulars which are issued monthly to every Lodge and Board of Relief, many thousands of dollars per year are saved to the craft.

It is estimated that since the founding of the Association in the United States, nearly twenty-three years ago, some hundreds of thousands of dollars have been saved to the craft of the American jurisdictions affiliated. A reputable authority, who is well informed as to the result of the work of the Association, says that many thousands of dollars per year have been saved by the affiliation of this Grand Lodge and other Grand Lodges of the Dominion.

GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

I regret to announce that again we have had complaint made by the Grand Master of British Columbia that one of our lodges had invaded their jurisdiction.

Simpson lodge, No. 157, Newboro received an application from one Albert John Elliott, who returned in November, 1908, from British Columbia, after an absence of four years. The application was received on the 2nd day of February, 1909, he was initiated on the 19th day of March, 1909, and subsequently duly passed and raised. In the August following he was married in this province, and shortly afterwards left for British Columbia, with the intention, he said, of returning, leaving his wife in Ontario.

During his four years absence he had left a trunk in or near Newboro with a friend, not a relative, and as there were a few clothes in it, he and the lodge based their claim of residence on that. After a full investigation by correspondence, carried on by the Grand Secretary, I came to the conclusion that an invasion had been fully established and that the lodge was to blame. I instructed the Grand Secretary to reprimand the Master, to order the fee for initiation to be handed over to Grand Lodge and to express to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia our regret. The fee was tendered to that Grand body, but so far no definite reply has been received..

We have had so many invasions of the territory of other Grand Lodges that it is time some change were made in our constitution, so that it may be impossible for *any* member to mistake the meaning of what is, and what is not, our material.

Most Worshipful Brother Burritt, Past Grand Master, has given notice of an amendment, which, if carried, will, I take it, prevent similar difficulty in future. It practically provides that the law as applicable to the franchise in this Province shall govern. That residence in Ontario for one year is absolutely necessary, after which we shall not have jurisdiction, no matter where the wife or family of the applicant resides, except in the cases of students, travellers and the classes mentioned in the amendment.

I trust this will become law, as it is distinctly in the interest of Grand Lodge, and one which will enable us to live in peace and harmony with our sister jurisdictions.

COMMISSIONS AND TRIALS

In July 1909 charges were preferred by Bro. E. B. P. of Lodge No. 437, against the W. M. and officers of his lodge and Brother G. S. M. of Lodge No. 56, to the following effect:

1. That the lodge was opened before the regular hour called for in the by-laws, and members, who desired to enter, were excluded.

2. That the ballot was passed for one H. C. S., who had not been properly proposed, in that the application had never been read in open lodge, although it was so entered on the minutes.

3. That the ballot was not properly prepared, there being a sufficient number of white balls, but very few black balls in the box.

4. That the said E. B. P. was induced to leave the lodge room just before the ballot was passed, through a false message sent in to him by Brother G. S. M., a P. M. of Lodge No. 56, informing him that he was required at once at the Electric Light Works where he was employed.

The charges were so serious, and affecting, as they did, the officers of the Lodge, as well as a Past Master of another lodge, I referred them to a commission composed of Right Worshipful Brother F. W. Harcourt, Right Worshipful Brother E. B. Brown, and Right Worshipful Brother E. J. B. Duncan, all Past District Deputy Grand Masters, who performed their duties in a most complete and satisfactory manner.

The commission heard the evidence and presented their report, with which I thoroughly agree.

Brother M. admitted he had sent in a false message to induce Brother P. to withdraw from the lodge just previous to the ballot being passed.

It was also admitted by the Tyler, Brother W. O. the elder, that Brother M. had informed him what he proposed to do. The Senior Warden Bro. J. McI. also admitted that Brother M. had told him the scheme he intended to use to get Brother P. out of the room before balloting for S.

All, therefore, are guilty, although M. was the worst offender. The other two were abettors, and the scheme would have miscarried had they not assisted. The Tyler should not have sent in the message, and the Senior Warden should not have allowed it to be acted on when sent in.

The commission found that charges one and three had not been sustained.

I, therefore, directed that G. S. M. of Lodge No. 56, W. O. the elder and J. McI., both of lodge No. 437, be suspended from all Masonic rights and privileges until the next meeting of Grand Lodge, the suspension of each then to be continued, or removed, at the pleasure of Grand Lodge.

The commission also found that the application of H. C. S. had never been read in open lodge by the Secretary, Bro. G. W., previous to being entered on the minutes, although it appeared therein.

I directed that Brother H. C. S., who had been initiated the night he was balloted for, and who, from the evidence, had no knowledge of the scheme, but whose advancement had been stayed till the report of the commission was received, could now proceed, if the lodge desired.

The evidence of the Secretary was not at all satisfactory, and as he was the one who had placed an unread application on his minutes; had destroyed the draft minutes of the lodge; had only sent in one amendment to the by-laws of the lodge in several years, although several had been passed; and had been generally a most inefficient secretary, I directed that he be suspended from all Masonic rights and privileges until the next meeting of Grand Lodge, the suspension then to be continued or removed, at the pleasure of Grand Lodge.

I regretted exceedingly to have to discipline four brethren whom I have known for years as Masons; but such flagrant and disgraceful conduct as was proved and admitted in this case, cannot be allowed. If the fair name of Masonry is to be kept clean and pure, as it should be, when we find that, as in this case, it is dragged in the mire, extreme and severe steps must be taken immediately to remedy the evil.

The commission further found that it has not been the custom in Lodge No. 437 to examine the Master-elect by three duly elected brethren, according to section 147 of the Constitution. I have acted as Installing Master for the two lodges mentioned above for ten years and on every occasion I have had a Past Master vouch to me, (as I understood, the chairman of the examining board), that the Master-elect was qualified. From enquiries made by me since receiving the report, I find that while the basis of the finding is the evidence of the then Master, who was elected and installed in December, 1908, and is technically correct, in that no Board was *elected* by the lodge to examine him, yet he, and every Master elect, has been examined informally in the lodge room as to his qualifications by several of the Past Masters of the lodge, after election, and before installation. Hence the yearly report to me as Installing Master was correct. In the clause "Installation Ceremony," referred to later in this address, I suggest a remedy.

The Commission also reported on the ballot box used by the two lodges, but as the report of the Committee on Ballot will remedy the evil, I need not refer to it further. It was also made to appear before the commission that the ruling of Most Worshipful Bro. Freed, when Grand Master, that there must be an equal number of black and white balls in the box, and sufficient for each member in the room, had been deliberately ignored.

I therefore, directed the District Deputy Grand Master of the District, Right Worshipful Brother Argue to censure the Master in open lodge for ignoring this ruling, of which he was formally notified by the then District Deputy Grand Master some time before.

My attention was called to the fact that although Lodge No. 437 had attended Divine Service in June, 1908, no dispensation was applied for till August, 1909, I therefore, directed the District Deputy Grand Master to reprimand Brother B. who had been Master

in 1908, for allowing his lodge to attend Divine Service without the dispensation required by section 243.

Early in November I was informed that the Master of a lodge had been accused of a serious criminal offence, and while he had been acquitted of the heavier charge he pled guilty to a lesser crime, and was heavily fined. He was also charged with gross unmasonic conduct.

The brother tendered his resignation as Master about the end of the month, and thus relieved me from the painful duty of suspending him. He called on me and admitted certain charges were true. In the interest of the craft, as well as in his interest, I instructed a commission to take the evidence and report to me. The commission consisted of Most Worshipful Brother Malone, Past Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother Fred W. Harcourt and Right Worshipful Brother E. B. Brown, Past District Deputy Grand Masters, and they sat on eight different occasions. As the brother died before the report was made, only the evidence was sent in and the matter ended; but a perusal of the evidence will show I was justified in appointing the commission.

From a perusal of the evidence in this case another brother of the lodge appeared to have been guilty of conduct which reflected on the craft generally, in that he was intoxicated on several occasions in lodge, and out of it. I instructed the Master to have him placed upon trial at once, which was done and he pleaded guilty. The lodge merely reprimanded him, a far too lenient punishment for such flagrant conduct.

I received two anonymous charges against a lodge under dispensation. The first I paid no attention to; but the second seemed to me to be so definite, there was a possibility of finding out whether the charges were true or false. I deputed Most Worshipful Bro. Malone, Past Grand Master, to investigate and am glad to report that he found nothing in the slightest degree to warrant the insinuations made. I felt sure this would

be the result as the officers are old and experienced members of the craft; but I considered it in the interests of the lodge that an investigation should be held.

A small country lodge sent me, through the Grand Secretary, such an uncalled for communication that at first I felt like ignoring it. On giving the matter more consideration it seemed to me it could not be treated in such a manner; but that, representing this Grand Lodge, it was necessary to uphold its dignity.

I, therefore, deputed the Right Worshipful the District Deputy Grand Master of the District to summon the lodge to meet him and point out to them the absurdity of their conduct and the far reaching results which would likely follow. This was done, and regret expressed that such a resolution should have been passed in the absence of the leaders of the lodge by a few impulsive members. It was agreed to send in an apology and have the objectionable resolution erased from the minutes.

I waited several weeks and the promises not having been performed, I instructed the Grand Secretary to summon the Master and Secretary to appear before him at Hamilton with the lodge books. One of these officers so attended, the other being ill, and on a pledge being given that the resolution would be withdrawn at the next meeting, and an apology sent in, the arrest of the warrant was not carried out. The pledge having been fulfilled the matter ended with a reprimand, which I instructed the Grand Secretary to give.

If a similar case should happen in future (it is the first, I believe in 55 years), the warrant should at once be arrested, as such contumacy cannot and should not be allowed.

I was compelled to instruct a District Deputy Grand Master to reprimand a Master who suspended two brethren without due authority, thus over-stepping his powers.

I set aside the suspension as soon as I heard of it and received the facts of the case, and ordered the

brethren to be placed on trial, which was done, and the matter properly settled, with my approval.

A member of The Law Society of this province was tried by the benchers, found guilty, reported to the courts, and his name struck off the rolls. I intimated that he should be tried by his lodge, and this was about to be done, when he threatened legal proceedings.

It is the first case of the kind we have ever had, and also where a threat of legal proceedings has been made. I have instructed the Master to ignore the threat and proceed with the trial, which I understand, has been done.

I was informed that the Master of Lodge No. 81, had, at a meeting held in April last, violated the constitution in several respects.

That he had refused to admit several members before the ballot was passed, although repeated attempts had been made to gain admission. That the Tyler was not allowed to ballot, because a Past Master had said he was not entitled to the privilege. That a candidate who had been balloted for twice and declared rejected, had been a third time balloted for and declared elected. That afterwards a discussion on the ballot was allowed in a general way. I instructed the Grand Secretary to order all proceedings stayed until the District Deputy Grand Master of the District could attend and make a thorough investigation, which he did, and reported on the 10th of June last.

I found from the evidence:

1. An applicant had been declared rejected on the second ballot, but on a third being taken, had been declared elected. I, therefore, found he was a rejected candidate.

2. The Tyler was illegally prevented from balloting.

3. Several brethren were kept out for an unreasonable time, from half an hour to an hour, to allow two ballots to be passed, five times.

4. An improper discussion was allowed with reference to the ballot.

5. A conspiracy was admitted by the Master, and the brethren present, at the suggestion of the Master. but whether of his own motion or through the action of others does not appear, to allow a third ballot to be taken *after* the applicant had been declared rejected. which they knew, and admitted that such, would be a violation of the constitution.

6. The idea seemed to be present in the minds of of the members that the minutes would be "fixed" by the secretary so that no irregularities would appear therein.

7. Bro. G. C. admitted he had disclosed what took place in the lodge room to one not a member of the craft, although he had heard the District Deputy Grand Master the night before point out that this was a Masonic offence.

8. Bro. W. G. B. was duly summoned by the District Deputy Grand Master to attend, and failing to do so, two deputations were sent after him, while the investigation was taking place, but he refused to appear, although he was within a few yards of the lodge room.

Were it not that Grand Lodge is called to meet so soon, I would have arrested the warrant. I remit the papers to the Board of General Purposes, who will report to you at this Communication. I suspended till this Communication Bros. G. C. and W. G. B.

DEDICATION OF LODGES

From enquiries made last year I was convinced that a very large number of lodges had never been dedicated. I instructed the District Deputy Grand Masters to ascertain this definitely. It is astonishing to find that many lodges were not aware, and in fact some cannot yet tell, whether they had been dedicated or not. This shows carelessness in keeping and preserving the minutes.

As will be seen, from what appears subsequently under the heading of District Deputy Grand Masters, 45 lodges have been dedicated this year, and I hope

the balance will have the ceremony performed during the coming year. If nothing definite can be found from the lodge minutes or from the older members, then reference must be had to the office of the Grand Secretary, as there the information should be found, it being a Grand Lodge function.

I have had several District Deputy Grand Masters dedicate lodges for me while on their official visits, thus reducing the expense materially.

Some lodges were of the opinion that the ceremony was not necessary, as their original lodge room had been dedicated, although they had left those quarters long ago. This peculiar ruling was given the other year by the then District Deputy Grand Master when asked about the matter on his official visit.

I have ruled that only in exceptional circumstances, or when the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master or a Past Grand Master officiates, shall the Grand Lodge regalia be forwarded for such occasions, although in every case Grand Lodge must be convened.

DISPENSATIONS

I was asked to issue dispensations to allow lodges to attend Memorial Services in honor of our late King. This I felt compelled to refuse, as the wording of section 243 does not permit such, in my opinion.

It would not be a *purely Masonic function*, but a "mixed" one. Many lodges held Memorial Services in the lodge rooms on the evening of the day of the funeral, which were far more appropriate, to my mind, and very impressive, besides being purely Masonic and entirely under our control.

Indeed, I am inclined to the opinion of several Grand Masters of sister Grand Lodges that church processions should not be allowed. They often engender religious quarrels as to the church where the service shall be held. This should be a good reason in inself. But I have noticed that many members appear on the street in regalia on such occasions, who never, or hardly ever, enter a lodge, and in several cases some are very prominent in the procession, who could safely have been kept out of our ranks.

There is too much "parade" about such processions, especially when other Masonic bodies are permitted to appear in their regalia. This is illegal and should not be allowed, and in future it will be necessary to discipline a Master permitting it.

Why can we not attend church without regalia and without a band blaring at the head of the procession? Is it for display we appear outside our lodge rooms, or to worship Him we profess to serve?

I would confine the regalia to the lodge room or to Grand Lodge and forbid our appearing outside, in such, on any occasion, except for the laying of a corner stone.

We are something more than an ordinary society: we are not of yesterday; we have been in existence for many generations, and display, or advertisement, we do not need; in fact, it is foreign to our professions.

In two cities, through some mistake in the Grand Secretary's office, lodges attended mixed services although I had forbidden the granting of dispensations *before* the services were held. Apart from these two instances all observed the ruling.

In Toronto and Sarnia public services were held on the day of the funeral of King Edward and attended by the community generally as individuals; and Masonic memorial services, of a most impressive character, were held in the evening in the Masonic halls as well.

Another matter under this head is that of holding church processions or "At Homes" and *after* the event asking for a dispensation, indeed, in some cases never troubling about such a document.

One Secretary boasted that he never remitted the dollar unless he had to, and in that community with two lodges I found twelve functions had been held requiring a dispensation, yet application had only been made for four. The last straw was the application for a dispensation in August, 1909, for a church procession held in June, 1908. The Master of the year was reprimanded by the District Deputy Grand Master in open lodge, by my instructions.

In this last case a novel appeal was laid, but subsequently withdrawn, the contention being that under the rules respecting Masonic trials (No. 64), a Master

could only be tried during his term of office or within four weeks after the close thereof. I ruled that as he had knowledge of the illegality, locked up in his own breast, if he knew his constitution as he ought, and as his only plea was ignorance or carelessness, as the Grand Master only became aware of this in September, 1909, his punishment in October, 1909, was quite correct.

There is another matter which should properly be dealt with here. Should dancing and card playing be allowed in our lodge rooms under a dispensation for an "At Home"? I hold not. Our lodge rooms are dedicated to Masonry and should be as sacred as our churches. I have no personal objection to either, but the lodge is no place for such. If the younger members wish to meet their friends once a year at an "At Home," I would not oppose them in the slightest degree, as, I think it is an admirable thing; but let the dancing and card playing be held somewhere else.

Then we have had minstrel shows by members of lodges, in rooms apart from the latter, yet under its auspices. Surely Masonry should be above such entertainments.

The idea has got to be so prevalent that a dispensation need not be applied for till *after* the event, that I felt it was time to call a halt. On 17th October last a lodge attended divine service and on the 4th of November asked for a dispensation. I refused, till I heard the facts, and in the meantime suspended the Master and Secretary until they explained why they had contravened the requirements of the constitution. This having been done I removed the suspension on the 15th November.

In future I recommend the suspension be enforced till the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, that is the only way to have this stopped.

If our laws are not to be carried out, let us repeal them. It is insufficient to say, "I forgot" or "I overlooked the section." Officers should be conversant with our constitution.

I granted two dispensations during the year to bank clerks, who had not resided the full twelve months within the jurisdiction of the lodge to which they applied, although they were that length of time

within our jurisdiction. In each case I required clear and complete evidence, and also information, from the several places where they had resided during the year.

DISPENSATIONS FOR NEW LODGES

I have granted two dispensations for new lodges. University, Toronto, and King George V., Coboconk.

I refused four applications. In some cases there were several lodges near at hand and the territory was, therefore, very fully occupied. But my chief reason for refusing was that I felt convinced they would be, in five or ten years, weak lodges and not a credit to us.

An application was made for a dispensation for University lodge in Toronto. A similar request was sent in the other year to Most Worshipful Brother Burritt, when Grand Master, and refused.

I naturally felt that unless very good reasons could be advanced, which had not been laid before him, I would not interfere.

I found, however, that there were; that it was not to be a class lodge, that it was not proposed to take in undergratuates unless they shall have resided the proper time within the jurisdiction of the lodge; but that all must be eligible according to the constitution. After correspondence with the Most Worshipful Brother, I granted the dispensation. The first Master is Past Grand Master Most Worshipful Brother John Morrison Gibson the Lieutenant Governor of the Province. I had the pleasure of instituting this lodge, under most favorable auspices, on the 23rd June last.

The report of the Grand Secretary will show what warrants have been granted during the year, in compliance with the resolution of Grand Lodge at the last Annual Communication, and those that have been continued under dispensation from the previous year.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

Good work has been done during the year by all the District Deputy Grand Masters, every one of the 413 lodges having been officially visited, and some on two or three occasions.

Right Worshipful Brother Merriman of Niagara District, No. 10, has dedicated 14 lodges in his District, and all have now been dedicated there.

Right Worshipful Brother D. W. Houston, of Wellington District No. 7, has dedicated eight lodges in his district, and only one or two are left for the coming Masonic year.

Right Worshipful Brother Argue of St. Clair District No. 2 has dedicated six lodges, leaving only one in his District for next year.

Right Worshipful Brothers J. W. Wallace, J. C. Elliott and J. B. Wallace each dedicated two lodges in their respective districts, and Most Worshipful Brothers Allan and Freed, Past Grand Masters, one each. The full list of dedications and consecrations appears in the report of the Grand Secretary.

In the 22 Districts 17 lodges of Instruction have been held; that is, every district, except seven, have had Lodges of Instruction, and in two districts, Wellington No. 7, two were held, one at Galt and one at Harriston; and in Nipissing No. 18, one at Sudbury and one at North Bay.

Other districts would have had similar functions were it not that lodges refused permission.

This requires a remedy. The District Deputy Grand Master should have the power to call a Lodge of Instruction where and when he pleases in his district. The expense of entertainment has been the excuse for the refusal. There need be no entertainment. The brethren meet for the purpose of instruction and work, and the benefit of meeting and exchanging ideas. Even if the work be well done in a district the yearly meeting of so many at such a function is important and beneficial.

The scheme adopted for several years by St. Clair District No. 2, with reference to Lodges of Instruction, could be followed by each district with benefit to all. Indeed, some have already carried it out. In the district named they have had a Lodge of Instruction for about twenty years.

At the yearly election of District Deputy Grand Master in July, the number of members in the district

at the end of the Masonic fiscal year, 31st May, is ascertained. A sum of $50 is set apart for entertainment and given to the lodge where the function is to be held. A further sum is set apart for the purchase of regalia for the outgoing District Deputy, and fifteen dollars for his postage. This makes $110 yearly, and a per capita tax of enough to make up the sum is raised from each lodge. The small lodge of 30, in a membership of 2,000 would pay about $1.50, and the lodge of 200 about $10. The lodge with the lowest number has the first lodge held, and so on up till all have had it, then commence anew. The amount raised will depend on the membership in the District, and might be more or less than 5c. per member. Again the amount required might be more or less than $110; that is a matter for each district to settle for itself.

But to my mind there is a better object in view or should be, even than the reasons heretofore given for holding Lodges of Instruction. I would rather have a Master who perhaps is not letter perfect in work, but who knows the constitution and Masonic jurisprudence, rather than one who is thoroughly up in the work, and nothing else.

Too much stress has hitherto been placed on the work and not enough on other far more important, or just as important matters.

Then we have had far too much dissimilarity in the rulings of the District Deputy Grand Masters. If a whole evening of at least six hours cannot be had to instruct the newly installed District Deputy Grand Masters, then another day must be taken for the purpose, and Grand Lodge must pay their expenses. Under these circumstances it will be absolutely necessary for each District Deputy-elect to be in attendance at Grand Lodge

I hope the steps taken by the Board of General Purposes at this Communication, will give that uniformity which we so much need.

But not only must District Deputies study the constitution and our jurisprudence, Masters should also do so, and be examined thereon. In this way, and in this way only, can we get bright leaders.

I requested the District Deputies, whose election I approved last July, to report to me quarterly as to their respective Districts, and this has been done fairly well, so that I have been in close touch with them. They have been, as a whole, faithful and attentive to their duties and their work for the Semi-Centennial Fund has been very valuable.

Right Worshipful Brother Wilby, who was elected District Deputy Grand Master of Toronto West District No. 11, at the Annnual Communication at London, last year, died suddenly at his residence at Weston, on the 24th day of January last. He had just commenced the active work of visiting the district, and his sudden removal was a cause of sorrow to his family and friends. I appointed Right Worshipful J. E. Francis, a Past District Deputy Grand Master to fill the balance of his term. The Right Worshipful Brother has made 35 official visits since February last, so it can be seen that he has ably performed the duties of his office.

I fear far too many District Deputy Grand Masters are in the habit of calling emergent meetings just to suit their own convenience. This, of course, does not apply to the large, widespread Districts we have, which must necessarily entail emergent meetings in some cases, owing to the distance the lodges are apart.

I refer to the compact districts, those that can easily be covered. The fault lies generally with the District Deputy. He does not commence his visits early enough in the year, and then he has to compress his work of a year into five or six months. It is unfair to himself, unfair to the lodges, and quite an unwarrantable expense on them. This practice should not be continued. One lodge violated the constitution during the year, because the District Deputy requested them to call an emergent meeting, and then an illegality was committed which they had to pay for.

It might be well to consider the arangement which exists in some of the large Grand Lodges in the United States where the District Deputy Grand Master does not get the rank of Right Worshipful until the Grand Master reports to Grand Lodge that he has been faith-

ful in the performance of the duties of his office, then Grand Lodge confirms the rank.

I attended twelve lodges of Instruction and in this way met more of the brethren than I otherwise could. The work was strenuous but in nearly every case a source of great pleasure and gratification to me. The attendance of members was large, and the benefit to those who were present was very great.

One District Deputy Grand Master reported to me that he had written repeatedly to the Secretary of a lodge in his district, but could not get a reply, and had not received any notice of meeting for months.

I instructed the Grand Secretary to write the Master and Secretary informing them that unless a reply was received within 48 hours after receipt of his letter the warrant would be arrested. Further, that they should show cause why they should not be suspended in any case.

The Secretary took the blame upon himself and promised to attend to his duties in future, so a reprimand was given to him by the Grand Secretary.

I issued several circulars to the District Deputy Grand Masters during the year on matters which required attention, and I can assure the brethren of Grand Lodge that my requests were promptly attended to.

I need hardly impress on the brethren that the one elected to the office of District Deputy Grand Master, which is a very important one, should be thoroughly qualified for the position. The fact that a lodge has never been honored by having one of its members elected as the representative of the Grand Master in the district, is not a sufficient reason for such an election.

If a small lodge has a properly qualified brother for the position, that brother has as much right to be so elected as the brother from a large lodge. Qualification for the office should be the test. But lodge membership is not the criterion, ability to rule and act with the necessary knowledge, as a properly qualified leader is essential.

THE BENEVOLENT FUND

This Fund, as usual, has been carefully looked after by Most Worshipful Brother Harding, Past Grand Master, the Chairman of the Benevolent Committee, and the Grand Secretary. The Inspector has also done his work thoroughly, as I have reason to know. In one case a District Deputy Grand Master on his visit to a lodge, was informed by the members, that the widow of a brother who had been on the fund for years, was now in such a position that the grant could be withdrawn. I referred the report to the Inspector and he clearly and conclusively showed that the grant should be continued for the present.

In another case a Right Worshipful brother, who was annoyed that the necessary investigation should take so much time in the case of a brother who had applied to be placed on the fund, wrote me that he knew of several cases where the grantees had "pianos and expensive furniture, yet had been on the fund for years." I immediately asked for particulars and he then began to hedge. I informed him that I could not allow him, or any other brother, to make such charges and not back them up. That if he did not give me the information I should order him to be placed on trial. He then gave me such information that I could get a report from the Inspector, who was able to inform me by return mail, that the "pianos and expensive furniture" were relics of the days when the husband was alive, but, as in so many cases, when the husband is taken away, all that was left was the furniture, which had to be used in the boarding house the widow was trying to keep and support her family: and the pianos were generally used to give music lessons and thus help her to eke out a poor living.

One or two matters require attention with regard to this Fund. Last month an application was made for an interim grant in a very necessitatous case, which was allowed, but the widow was in England, where she had removed after the death of her husband early in the year, he having been a member of a city lodge in this jurisdiction.

In such cases, where the applicant resides outside our jurisdiction, and cannot be interviewed by the In-

spector, we should have a report from some reputable person in the place where the applicant resides, preferably a Masonic lodge, or the nearest thereto, if there is not a lodge in the place.

For several years past we maintained a brother who was helpless from disease, the total sum paid the Home where he was kept being $700 or thereabouts. Early in the year he died, without any immediate heirs, such as wife, children or parents, but holding a policy on his life for $1,000. The heirs who became entitled to the money, were very distant, and never cared for him in any way during his lifetime. If he had a wife or children, the money, of course, should go there; but in this case we should have got back our $700. This we could not do in the absence of any arrangement, as it was a voluntary payment on the part of Grand Lodge. I suggest, however, that in future, our forms of application for benevolence shall contain a clause showing, if the applicant has any security in his name, and, if so, failing his wife and children, that he should assign the same to Grand Lodge for the monies advanced.

One of the first officers of Grand Lodge is still alive, although an old man, and resides with a daughter in the Province of Manitoba. An interim grant was made of $50 last month, as he is ill and in need. His days cannot be many, and I trust Grand Lodge will pass such a grant as will make him comfortable for the short time he will be with us.

THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND

I am glad to report, that those who have not as yet completed their subscriptions to this Fund, are now thoroughly aware of its importance, and while the total amount paid in from 1st June, 1908 to 31st May, 1909, was $7,607.61, in the year from 1st June, 1909, to 31st May, last, we received $18,263.58. Since then up to the 1st day of July we have received an additional sum of $4,526.02, making the total to this date, $72,376.70.

Hard work has been necessary to reach this point. Early in the year, I wrote the 22 District Deputy Grand Masters to send me the names of brethren in

different parts of their respective districts, who would likely assist them in this most desirable and necessary work, and on receiving these I wrote to each, and in this way, every district has been aroused to a fitting sense of its responsibility. I have sent out several circulars during the year to the District Deputy Grand Masters, and in all, out of over 3,500 letters written by me, at least 700 were in this connection.

In the two Toronto Districts Right Worshipful Brother W. D. McPherson, Past District Deputy Grand Master and the Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes, was appointed chairman of a strong committee, and the results in the two districts show the success of their efforts.

Still, there are too many lodges which have, as yet, paid nothing, or only part. It is not to our credit that what Grand Lodge unanimously decided in 1904 should be done in three years, is still $27,623.60 short of the $100,000 aimed at.

It seems to me that now nearly 25,000 members have paid their quota in full, the remaining 8,000 members should do so within a limited time, or be compelled to pay up. The only way this can be effected is to pass a constitutional amendment, of which the Grand Secretary should give notice, in time for action at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, making it compulsory on all lodges to assess each member who has not paid his quota by the 15th February, 1911, and empowering them to collect from the delinquent brethren in the same manner as the payment of dues is now enforced. I hope this course may not be necessary, but that the members, who have not yet responded, will do so voluntarily.

The excuses are pitiable. Some lodges complain they have not been fairly dealt with by Grand Lodge when applying for relief, whereas in every case, which I have had investigated, it is found that the fault was with the lodge in not complying with the rules of Grand Lodge as to Benevolence, and which are so necessary to carry out.

Then, that we have over $100,000 now, what do we want with more? True $100,000 seems a large sum for an individual, but with us it is only a drop in the

bucket and merely brings in $4,500 a year. What is that to the amount we are compelled to spend! Our expenditure last year for benevolence was $26,676.34 capitalize that and you will see that it would take nearly $600,000 to give us that revenue.

In 1899 we had debentures amounting to $85,000, cash $11,302.22, a total of $96,302.22. Our receipts were $21,040.92, and expenses $8,963.32, leaving a surplus of $12,077.60; and that year we paid for benevolence $9,830. Since then the Asylum Fund has been transferred to Grand Lodge General Fund.

In 1900 our surplus was $13,334.66, and we paid for Benevolence $13,150. In 1906 we had $110,015.16 in debentures, cash $1,828.92, a total of $111,844.08. Our receipts were $34,377.19, our expenses $15,591.63, and the surplus $18,785.56, yet we paid for Benevodence $23,110, or more than $4,000 above our surplus, thus reducing our capital.

In 1909 our debentures were worth $109,789.64, cash $2,610.72, a total of $112,400.36. The receipts were $37,446.60, the expenses $15,987.93, and the surplus $21,468.67, yet we paid for Benevolence $25,362, nearly $4,000 more than our surplus, thus again reducing our capital.

My brethren, this cannot continue, even with the full $100,000 subscribed towards the Semi-Centennial Fund, there is likely to be a deficit.

The affairs of our institution are more economically managed than those of any other I know of, and all over actual expenses goes for Benevolence. In 1904 we had 300 on the Fund, and in 1909, 360, an increase of 20%. In 1904 we had 22 extreme cases (that is those who are totally blind, totally paralyzed, or totally unfit from old age or disease to help themselves in any way), in 1909 we had 60 of these cases, an increase of 200%. In 1904 the lodges paid for Benevolence $14,000, in 1909 $17,000, an increase of 22%, while Grand Lodge, which paid $14,000 in 1904, in 1909 paid $26,676.34, an increase of nearly 100%.

If this state of affairs is to continue for the next five years a yearly per capita tax will be necessary.

All honor to Nipissing District No. 18. It was the first *District* to pay its quota in full, aye more than in full by $500, and it is still sending in money.

Many lodges formed since 1904, and therefore, not within the resolution of Grand Lodge, have not only paid their quota in full, but double and treble the amount.

The worst laggards are, I regret to say, the older and wealthier districts, and although there are some signs of life, the progress is exasperatingly slow. One would never suppose the members had each stood at the N. E. A.

If the Craft at large knew what the members of the Executive hear and see from week to week, this "thank-offering," the first and the last, the large majority of them will ever be asked for, they would not delay an hour in sending the small sum required.

Some Masters and Secretaries have retained monies belonging to this fund for months. This is not a lodge fund and should be sent in promptly, as we are losing the necessary interest, which is so much needed. In fact, they lay themselves open to discipline by such conduct.

Grand Lodge having unanimously decided that this sum should be raised, it is a moral, as well as a legal duty on all to subscribe, and, I trust, those in arrears will do so, in order that by the 15th of February next, we may have the full $100,000 in the hands of the Grand Secretary. If the City of Toronto can raise $800,000 in nine days, we the 33,000 Masons of 1904, should be able to raise our amount in less than nine years.

MASONIC FUNERALS

I have already given you my views on Masonic funerals, and whether we should wear regalia at such functions or not; but there is another question which came up during the year, I desire to bring before you.

A prominent Mason, a member of the Episcopal church, having expresed a desire for a Masonic funeral when his time came, his family so informed the lodge, after his death.

This was duly attended to by the members, but when they arrived at the grave the rector refused to

allow the Masonic service to be completed. Many members of the lodge belonged to this church, and all were indignant. I was appealed to, but as Anglican cemetries are vested in the Rector and his Church Wardens, nothing could be done.

I wrote the Bishop who expressed regret "that anything has transpired to make the members of Mr. ————'s congregation feel distressed and sore over it. I will look into the matter and write Mr. ———— in regard thereto." This was last March, but so far I have had no further correspondence in the matter.

It would be well, in future, for Masters first to make enquiries from the proper authorities, before calling out the lodge, thus avoiding a very unpleasant experience.

RELATIONS WITH OTHER BRANCHES OF MASONRY

Under our constitution only Royal Arch Masons are really recognized by us under section 165.

During the year I had occasion to suspend for unmasonic conduct, after due trial, three members of the craft, who also belonged to other branches of Masonry. These suspended members persisted in attending one of those bodies although our Grand Secretary duly notified the Grand Master of the action taken. I understand nothing was done, except to get an *ex parte* report from an officer, who had been reprimanded on the same occasion.

It has always been usual, when the Grand Master informs the chief executive officer of a Masonic body, that unmasonic conduct has been proven, and a decision given suspending the offending member, to order a trial, and on production of the record, or a certified copy thereof, if the accused does not answer or clear himself, to suspend. This would not be for N. P. D. Unless this is done we shall have members guilty of grave offences mingling with us, because some one does not proceed against them.

PAST MASTER RANK

Two applications were made during the year to have the rank of Past Master conferred upon members who had filled some subordinate office well for a great many years, such as Treasurer, but never as Warden. Sections 35 and 144 are explicit and have been in the

constitution for years, so why such requests are made it is hard to understand.

I may say that at least two-thirds of the decisions I have had to give have been caused by neglect on the part of the writers to read the constitution.

FOREIGN WORK

I have had several requests from lodges for leave to exemplify our work in foreign jurisdictions, and also to allow foreign work to be exemplified in this jurisdiction, and have complied, where the consent of the Grand Master of the sister jurisdiction has been obtained. In all cases it was merely an exemplification. It is a question, which should receive full consideration, whether those requests should be granted or not in future.

BY-LAWS

The list of by-laws, and amendments, which have been approved during the year, will appear in detail in the report of the Grand Secretary.

I regret to say that in several cases these have been sent in for approval in anything but a creditable condition.

The Grand Master has enough work in hand, of importance to the craft, without having his time wasted in trying to guess what a lodge means by its by-laws. All such, or amendments thereto, should be clearly written, typed or printed on paper with a fair margin so that the necessary remarks may be placed on the side thereof.

The lack of knowledge, not to say ignorance, of our laws displayed in by-laws by Masters, Secretaries and even Past District Deputy Grand Masters, in some cases, is appalling.

Hardly one lodge seemed to know the provisions of section 147, although it has been in the constitution for years, which requires that "an examining board composed of three installed masters" must be elected annually, by open vote of the lodge.

In many cases a clause has been inserted that the paraphernalia and furniture etc., can be sold or alienated by a majority of the brethren *present*. Yet by the constitution any seven members may retain the warrant, and as by sec. 225, the "clothing, regalia

and furniture of every lodge belongs to, and are the property of the Master, Wardens and brethren of the lodge" I invariably cut this clause out.

Indeed it seems to me useless to have a clause inserted that such can be sold etc., by the *unanimous* consent of the brethren as I take it, *all* the brethren could not be present at the meeting. I need hardly say the above does not apply to a lodge selling its old furniture or regalia to be replaced by new.

I consider the time has come when Grand Lodge should have a draft set of by-laws prepared for use in all lodges, and also rules of order, as it is only in this way we shall get uniformity. The necessary by-laws are, in reality, few in number, and could be drawn up very easily.

While Grand Lodge does not desire to be too paternal towards the lodges, there are several matters which so affect the craft generally, that action is necessary. I refer to the question of lodge funds and the safeguarding of same. A defalcation, by an officer of a lodge, reflects upon the whole craft. And when we consider that no matter how reprehensible the conduct of the officer in many cases may be, his friends in the lodge will try to screen him, and prevent action, while the other members, who consider his action injurious and harmful, will not often have the courage of their convictions, and secure a trial.

Lodge funds should be as well taken care of as those of Grand Lodge, and the same rules should govern.

Let all monies be paid to the Secretary, and be by him, deposited in a chartered bank to the credit of the lodge. The Secretary should be required to take out a bond in a security company for a sufficient amount, at the expense of the lodge. A duplicate deposit receipt should be got from the bank with each deposit and sent to the treasurer.

All monies properly authorized to be paid should be withdrawn by cheque signed by the Master, Secretary and Treasurer, payable to the payee. In this way the risk is reduced to a minimum.

I am glad to be able to report that a large number of lodges have adopted this manner of safe-guarding their funds, as chartered banks are now to be found in every hamlet, and those which have not already adopted the principle, should do so.

One lodge, I am creditably informed, lost $1,500 last year through an unsecured officer, and in another case a Secretary actually remitted Masonic monies by cheque of his wife.

It is time for a change and it cannot come too soon.

Before the revision of the Constitution five years ago, there was a clause therein that no application received at a regular meeting could be considered "less than four weeks from the date of the application." This was erased and I am of opinion it was a mistake. Take the case of an application received on the 19th December at the regular meeting, and another regular meeting follows on 27th December, St. John's Day, as there would be seven days to give notice, the application could be dealt with. That does not give proper time for due consideration, or due enquiry, to my mind, yet it is evidently quite regular under our present laws.

Certain necessary data must in all cases accompany proposed by-laws, or amendments, when sent to the Grand Secretary, and a strict compliance therewith will save time.

1. Two copies of the by-laws or amendments written, typed or printed on paper with a fair margin.

2. A copy of the notice given to amend at the previous meeting.

3. A copy of the summons at which the motion came up.

4. The certificate of the Master and Secretary, under the seal of the lodge, that the motion was carried, and by the necessary majority.

Another matter which some committees on by-laws are hazy on, is the use of the lodge seal. The documents to which the seal can be affixed are described in section 178 of the Constitution.

I consider that the auditors of a lodge should complete their audit up to the end of the month previous to the installation of the new officers, and in this way the new Master and the Installing Officer would know how the financial affairs of the lodge stood. I have been informed of a lodge where no audit had taken place for several years. The District Deputy Grand Masters were to blame for this, and should have found it out during the second year.

The question of dimits is also seemingly misunderstood. Any member is entitled to a certificate, *whether in arrears or not*, see section 211, which provides that "if he should be indebted to the lodge, the certificate must state the fact." He need not be in arrears if the lodge does its duty, and applies the rules for non-payment of dues 67-72.

But no member can be suspended for non-payment of dues without a trial as laid down in those rules, or debarred from his right to vote *before* trial, because he is in arrears.

An application was made to me to prevent a lodge from investing its surplus funds on mortgage. As the sum was large I looked into the matter carefully and came to the conclusion that I had no power to interfere. But this is only another instance calling for legislation by Grand Lodge and where it should clearly state how lodge funds may be invested.

The laws of the Province are a safe guide, and in my opinion lodge funds, like Grand Lodge Funds, should only be invested in Government securities, municipal debentures of loan and savings companies in whose debentures trustees are allowed by law to invest, or for the purpose of building a Masonic Temple, either as owners, or joint owners.

One set of by-laws I have seen, but which have not officially come before me, provide that the trustees or some of them shall be "permanent," meaning I suppose for life. This is illegal as every officer of a lodge or of Grand Lodge must be elected or appointed yearly.

A District Deputy Grand Master discovered an old lodge, one well within the first hundred, and in existence for fully 50 years, yet no by-laws had ever been

adopted. This is being remedied. But how could the work be given properly in the face of the above?

I have seen by-laws over thirty years old which have never been amended, so that many clauses are illegal, on account of amendments to the constitution, since they were approved.

All by-laws, I submit, should be gone over carefully after each revision of the Constitution, or every five years, unless a draft set of by-laws is issued by Grand Lodge, when the difficulty would be avoided.

LODGES BURNED OUT

I regret to report that four lodges have suffered from fire during the year. Norwood lodge No. 223, Norwood; St. John's Lodge No. 63, Carleton Place; Colborne Lodge, No. 91, Colborne, and Mississippi Lodge No. 147, Almonte. The time has come when Grand Lodge should be in a position, constitutionally, to compel all lodges to carry sufficient insurance on lodge property, as this is not, I fear, being done by all.

In each case I permitted them to meet in rooms occupied by other societies, for a short time, till they could arrange for separate apartments and waived the provisions of section 231.

But there are lodges still meeting, and have done so for years in rooms used jointly with other than Masonic bodies. This should stop, and if arrangements are not made in all cases within the next two months, the warrant should be arrested till they secure proper accommodation as required by our Constitution. Masonry is a luxury, not a necessity, and the lodge that cannot uphold the dignity of the craft by having accommodation of its own, should deliver up its warrant.

THE BALLOT

The committee appointed at last Annual Communication by Most Worshipful Brother Freed duly met, and their report will be presented to you, for approval and adoption.

Undue interference with the ballot has been steadily going on, and in some cases, I have had to take severe measures to show the brethren that such conduct is not only highly unmasonic, but also most reprehensible.

How to deal with the member who, for spite, pique or spleen, blackballs a candidate is, as it always has been, a serious question, and one which, it seems to me, we are no nearer solving now than we were fifty years ago.

Complaints have been sent in from time to time, but only in some few cases was I able to act.

One Past Master, desirous of having his son admitted, induced him to sign an application, although both knew the applicant was not of age.

In some way the father ascertained that the committee, to whom the application was referred, would report unfavorably. He promptly notified the Master that the lad was not twenty-one, and the application was returned endorsed, that as the applicant was under age no report could be made. After he had become 21, an application was signed and sent in to another lodge in the city. Trouble at once arose and the matter having been brought to my attention I was preparing to act, when I was informed the matter had been settled by agreeing that no further steps shall be taken till the twelve months shall elapse.

A man who deliberately signs a false application is not of the class which we desire, apart from any other objections. The father also should, in my opinion, be proceeded against.

While the report of the committee, if adopted may not cure all the evils we have heard of lately, it will certainly stop many practices which have been possible under the old system, and I sincerely hope you will adopt the report unanimously.

THE INSTALLATION CEREMONY

This ceremony requires revision,which is already under way by the Grand Secretary. The old form of W. Ts in the second degree and the former general charge, it is proposed to insert. Then installing officers can use the short or the long form.

I suggest that after the I. O. asks if the lodge is still satisfied with its choice of W. M. there be added further: "Produce the certificate of the Examining Board that the W. M.-elect is proficient in the work

of Grand Lodge and in his knowledge of the Constitution, laws and usages of the craft, and is familiar with the duties of a Master." Then in italics: "The certificate of the examining board must be signed by the three members of the board in accordance with section 147."

REVIVAL OF OLD LODGES

An application was made to revive Welland Lodge No. 36 under the old number. This I refused to entertain. They thought very little of the old number when it was allowed to lapse, and now to re-instate them above all other lodges, since that number, at this late date, after the latter have "born the heat and burden of the day," did not seem to me fair or equitable.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Notwithstanding the decisions of Most Worshipful Brother Freed, and other Grand Masters, that the Order of the Eastern Star was not recognized by Grand Lodge and could not be allowed to occupy our lodge rooms, I was informed that one of those lodges had accommodation in one of our Masonic halls.

I instructed the District Deputy of the district to have this remedied by the removal of the body, under the penalty of arresting the warrant. I am glad to say this has been done.

LODGE ROOMS

I have already pointed out that in some cases lodge rooms are not entirely under the control of the lodges, but are shared with other than Masonic bodies. This I have taken steps to remedy under the Constitution. The reason it is done is, that in some cases lodges have been warranted where they could not possibly grow, and as they find a difficulty in meeting expenses from year to year, illegal steps are taken to help them out. It would be better to hand in the warrant than have matters in this shape.

Then, while we can control our own members, with reference to dancing and card playing and holding "At Homes" in the lodge room, when other Masonic bodies are joint occupants, which the Constitution allows, there is a difficulty. I consider the lodge room should be under the control entirely of craft Ma-

sons, except as to purely Masonic functions, and that our rules should govern all using the lodge room.

LODGE BANQUETS

I quite approve of social features in connection with our lodges, in reason, but I strongly disapprove of the late hours to which our meetings are far too often spun out, the frequent banquets, and entertainments, after the lodge is closed, extending to a very late hour at night, or rather to a very early hour in the morning.

When there is to be a banquet, the meeting should commence promptly at the hour of opening; and if so, with the reasonable amount of work laid down for the occasion, the banquet room should be reached by ten. Then if the speeches are, as they ought to be, few and short, midnight should see all the members on their way home.

I have had to put up, as many others had, with brethren *proposing* toasts during the year, and taking from half an hour to an hour in doing so, when three minutes would have been ample.

Another feature which is fast becoming objectionable, and also a heavy bill of expense, is the entertainment provided on such occasions. In fact in many cases it is a complete vaudeville show. The "talent" is often not carefully chosen. Our members should and do not care for stale jokes or suggestive stories.

I had occasion, during the year, to call down one of this class, and he got a further reprimand from the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master.

Imagine, on such occasions, what the newly initiated candidate must think, after the solemn lessons of the lodge room, to say nothing of the effect upon members who are clergymen and others of standing, as well as the Mason who respects the teachings of Masonry?

Masters must be held responsible for this feature, and surely we can have clean "talent" at our banquets, and not those who are in the habit of entertaining people who, we may safely say, are not in the same intelligent, intellectual class as our members.

RULINGS

I have had, like my predecessors, to give rulings in a great many cases which need not cumber this address, as they were such as have been repeatedly decided and also in many cases are covered by the Constitution. It might be well to have all rulings to date published in pamphlet form, as the last consolidation we had was in the year 1882, when the late Most Worshipful Brother Otto Klotz issued the decisions given from 1855 to that year.

A little time, less, frequently, than that used in writing the letter, a little familiarity on the part of officers and brethren, and especially Masters, with the Constitution would save them, as well as the Grand Master, a good deal of time and trouble. I append only those which seem to me to be of importance, and such as Grand Lodge ought to pass on.

1. An applicant, a reputable citizen, and in every other way worthy, cannot be admitted who has an artificial foot. This was decided as far back as 1891.

2. The Master of a lodge U. D. cannot take the chair in a warranted lodge unless he is a Past Master. This brings up the point, must the Master of a lodge U. D. be a Past Master? I submit that under section 247, as seven M. Ms. regularly registered can get a dispensation, and as by the form of petition, section 248, the seven or more nominate one of their number to be the first Master, he need not, as our laws stand, be a Past Master. It is, therefore, a question for Grand Lodge to decide whether the Master of a lodge U. D. should not be a Past Master? I submit that it would be far better if he were.

3. When a S. W. has left the jurisdiction, he is not eligible for the office of Master.

4. I refused to allow a candidate from a foreign jurisdiction to be initiated, passed and raised in a lodge in this jurisdiction, as the reasons for such action were not satisfactory.

But, in another case, I gave permission, after full enquiry, and with the consent of the Grand Master of

the foreign jurisdiction, the applicant having permanently removed from the jurisdiction of his mother lodge to a city in this jurisdiction, and his own lodge being over a thousand miles distant.

5. An applicant was balloted for and accepted in a lodge in our jurisdiction, but before his initiation he left to occupy a position in the Southern States, leaving his family in this province and in the place where his lodge was held. When he came back, to move them to his new home, he asked for initiation, and I held, as the six months had not elapsed, he was entitled thereto.

6. Public processions with or without regalia, require a dispensation *before* the members leave the lodge room. None but members in craft regalia can attend. It is illegal to allow any other regalia to be worn at craft functions.

7. During the year degrees were illegally conferred within the time limit, and without dispensation, and I instructed the fee to be sent to Grand Lodge. A bad precedent was adopted last year, by which the penalty applied, was returned. I submit this should not be done by Grand Lodge in future.

8. A brother who belongs to two lodges may hold office in each, but I doubt the propriety of it.

9. The regular officers should occupy their respective chairs, unless on special occasions, such as Past Masters' nights, etc. The Wardens can take any part of the work assigned to them by the Master, except giving the O. B.

10. If a member intimates that he proposes to black-ball *every* applicant he ought to be placed on trial.

11. Generally speaking I have followed the ruling of my predecessors as to physical inability and held that an applicant is not eligible unless he can comply literally with the work of Grand Lodge.

12. An E. A. or a F. C. is a "member" and can make application for affiliation with another lodge. (Sec. 200).

13. A dimit was granted on "condition that all dues were paid." As it was granted conditionally, it was a nullity, the lodge having no power to pass such a resolution.

14. A member was baptized in the name of his father, say William Jones. While an infant he was adopted by a person who was not a relative, (his mother having died and his father being unable to give him the attention necessary for one of his tender years), who was, we shall say, named Smith. The boy always went by the latter name, and when he grew up, he was initiated as William Smith. Several years after this he desired to be known as Jones, his father's name, and applied to have a new certificate issued to him in that name, and the name Smith struck off the register of Grand Lodge. I held that having been baptized in the name of his father, he did not require to take any legal steps to resume it. That on returning the "Smith" certificate, and paying for a new one, such could issue in the name of "Jones," and the register be amended.

15. The funeral ceremony and invocations being Grand Lodge ceremonies, should not be printed in by-laws.

16. Most Worshipful Bro. Malone in 1899, Most Worshipful Bro. Harding in 1903, and Most Worshipful Brother Burritt in 1906, having fully covered the point, I referred all enquiries whether more than one candidate could be admitted at one time in the several degrees, to the above full and complete decisions, which covered all the degrees.

17. If a candidate who has been balloted for and accepted, refuses to be properly prepared, the initiation fee should be returned.

18. If a brother, or brethren, is, or are, required by the Master to retire on a Board of Trial, the ballot should not be passed in their absence as all in the lodge have a right to ballot.

19. The Master has not a casting vote.

20. A. F. C. who has lost his right leg since his initiation, but is able to get along very well with the

aid of an artificial limb, and perform his daily labor satisfactorily, and who can comply literally with the ceremonies of Grand Lodge, can be raised.

21. An applicant who has lost the first and second fingers of his right hand at the second joint, and the third finger of the same hand entirely, is not eligible for membership.

22. An applicant who has lost the third finger of his left hand, and the first two fingers of the same hand at the second joint, if he is capable of performing the work, is eligible. In all such cases the responsibility is on the Master.

23. A brother is not entitled to a certificate of standing while under charges for unmasonic conduct.

24. A request to confer a degree should come from the lodge by resolution, signed by the Master and Secretary and under the seal of the lodge making the request.

25. An applicant who has lost the use of his left shoulder joint, so that he cannot raise his left hand any higher than his left breast, while he can lift his forearm from the elbow joint, which is not injured, but cannot lift the whole arm from the shoulder, and is unable literally to comply with the work of Grand Lodge, is ineligible.

26. A brother who was installed as W. M. of a lodge on the 26th day of June, 1909, but has never attended a meeting since, is not entitled to the rank of Past Master, cannot be invested as such, or returned to Grand Lodge as a Past Master, as he has not "served" twelve months as required by sections 35 and 144.

27. The Tyler is an officer of the lodge, he must be a member, and as such is entitled to all the privileges, including a vote.

INVASION OF JURISDICTION

Last month I received information that on Sunday, the 19th day of June last, a lodge of Masons from Port Huron, Mich., had come to Sarnia, Ont.,

in regalia, and attended the funeral of one of their members who had died in the latter town; and at the cemetery there, performed their own Masonic funeral service. This was such a clear and uncalled-for invasion of our jurisdiction, that I instructed the Grand Secretary to take the necessary steps to lay the matter before the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, whose consent I am convinced, was never asked for or obtained.

The matter was made worse by the easy manner in which they could have had every honor paid to the memory of the deceased brother by requesting one of our lodges to perform the funeral ceremony, as Port Huron, Mich., and Sarnia, Ont., are such a short distance, less than one mile, apart.

The reply of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Michigan, was not received; in fact, could not have been received at the time this address was written.

CLOSING OBSERVATIONS

I have now, my brethren, referred to all matters which have come before me during the year, and have made such suggestions as I believe will benefit the craft. I desired to be as brief as possible, but so many matters seemed to me to be of importance to bring to your attention, that I felt compelled to take up more time than I had intended.

I have had prompt and apt counsel from all my predecessors, when I have asked for the same, and the the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary have given me full and complete information whenever I had need of such. After the Grand Secretary, whose work has been prompt and well performed, I have had more to do with Most Worshipful Brother Malone,, as Grand Treasurer, and Grand Lodge is not aware what a valuable officer we have and how jealous he is in seeing that the high name our Grand Lodge has attained shall be maintained. I have always found his advice safe to follow and calculated to be in the best interests of the craft.

The year has been a hard and strenuous one, yet it has given me a great deal of pleasure and valuable experience. The many old friends of the craft I have

met, and the many new ones I have made, as well as the large number of brethren I have come in contact with, at the different Lodges of Instruction, have given me the greatest of satisfaction.

For the kind consideration which has been extended to me wherever I have visited as your Grand Master, I am deeply grateful, and regret that I cannot fully or adequately express my feelings.

The labors of the District Deputy Grand Masters I have already spoken of, and in visiting, superintending and guiding the lodges, and their officers and members, they have intelligently and conscientiously performed their duty. Their work, as well as my own, has been materially increased by reason of the Semi-Centennial Fund; but if it has added to our labors, the knowledge that our efforts have been a success, affords us the greatest satisfaction.

I desire to thank you for the confidence reposed in me by you last year, in electing me unanimously to this high and responsible office, and I can only express the hope that my term has brought nothing but credit to our time honored institution. I have endeavored conscientiously to perform the duties of the office, although it was, on some occasions, painful, yet necessary.

Let us not forget that as Craftsmen we have duties and responsibilities cast upon us which we should never forget, but strive to carry out to the letter. And while we thank T.G.A.O.T.U. for the prosperity, peace and harmony which exist among us now, and has during the past year, let us pray most earnestly for a continuation of those blessings.

And may the Most High give you all such wisdom as may enable you to deliberate aright upon all matters and questions brought before you for consideration, and so promote His Glory, and advance the interests of the craft and our fellowmen.

D. F. MACWATT,
Grand Master.

Sarnia, Ont., 1st July, 1910.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt and

Resolved, that the address of the M. W. the Grand Master be referred to a special committee to report thereon.

The M. W. the Grand Master named as such committee, M. W. Bros. His Honor J. M. Gibson, J. E. Harding and A. T. Freed.

The Grand Secretary presented the Grand Treasurer's and Grand Secretary's Reports as follows:

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

I herewith submit a statement of the Receipts and Disbursements and Investment Account of the Grand Lodge for the year ending 31st May, 1910.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

The balance in the Canadian Bank of Commerce on 31st May, 1909, was	$3,126 80	
Less outstanding cheques	516 08	
		$ 2,610 72

REVENUE

Receipts from Grand Secretary:		
Revenue from Lodges	36,303 35	
Amount unexpended of cheque No. 372, redeposited	154 95	
Interest on Bank Balances	266 35	
Interest on Investments	4,637 69	
Debentures matured and paid	25,924 61	
		$67,286 95
		$69,897 67

DISBURSEMENTS

General charges	15,148 18	
Benevolent Orders	24,124 00	

INVESTMENTS

City of New Westminster	5,279 20		
City of New Westminster	5,193 20		
City of Strathcona	4,896 90		
Toronto General Trusts Corporation Guarantee Agreement	11,000 00		
		26,369 30	
Cash in Bank 1st, May, 1910	4,726 43		
Less outstanding cheques	470 24		
		4,256 19	
			$69,897 67

DETAILS OF DISBURSEMENTS

1909		
June 1	—Grand Secretary, account incidental expenses	$ 300 00
12	—Adam Cook & Co., account for printing	2 25
	Ontario Engraving Co., engraving music	9 91
	Whaley, Royce & Co., account for music ..	12 50
	Reid Press Co., account for printing	12 30
	Hamilton Paper Box Paper Co.	25 00
	Eastern Canadian Passenger Association Co., account	5 00
	Bell Telephone Co., account to 1st December, 1909	28 50
	J. C. White, repairing regalia	12 55
25	—Grand Secretary's salary to 30th June, 1909	500 00
	Grand Treasurer's salary to 30th June, 1909	50 00
	Auditor's salary to 30th June, 1909	75 00
	Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent to 30th June, 1909	115 00
	Superannuation allowance to former chief clerk in Grand Secretary's Office to June 30th, 1909	66 66
	Assistant in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to June 30th, 1909	66 66
	Assistant Clerk in Grand Secretary's Office, salary, to 30th June, 1909	50 00
	Stenographer's salary to 30th June, 1909....	60 00
	Henry Robertson, Foreign Correspondence ..	150 00
	Hurley Printing Co., to June 18th, 1909....	92 35
	Deputy Grand Master, postage account	16 54
July 9	—Hurley Printing Co., account	202 30
	Adam Cook Co., printing account to 1st July, 1909	18 00
22	—Expenses, Grand Lodge meeting at London	1,500 00
26	—A. T. Freed, balance expenses and stenographer	144 70
	Superannuation allowance to former chief clerk in Grand Secretary's Office to 31st July, 1909	66 66
	Assistant in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to 31st July, 1909	66 66
	Assistant Clerk in Grand Secretary's Office, to 31st July, 1909	50 00
	Stenographer's salary to 31st July, 1909	60 00
	Grand Secretary, account incidentals	300 00
	J. E. Harding for postage	15 00
30	—Copp, Clark & Co., account for certificates..	343 00
	J. B. Nixon, account Benevolent investigation	250 00
Aug. 7	—Grand Master, account expenses	300 00
	Adam Cook & Co., printing account to 1st August, 1909	10 50
	London Advertiser, account to 28th July 1909	116 00
9	—Hurley Printing Co., account to 2nd August 1909	97 00
	Reid Press Co., account to 29th July, 1909..	20 20

	12—Deputy Grand Master, postage	10 00
	George S. May, postage	5 00
	Atlas Assurance Co., premium on Grand Lodge Regalia, Furniture and Books	26 00
	Alliance Assurance Co., premium on Grand Lodge regalia, Furniture and Books	26 00
	New York Underwriters Assurance Co., premium on Grand Lodge Regalia, Furniture and Books	26 00
	21—Ontario Engraving Co., printing account proceedings	7 95
	Robert Duncan Co., books and stationery	23 43
	Hurley Printing Co, on account	200 00
	Superannuation allowance to former chief clerk in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to 31st August, 1909	66 68
	Assistant in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to 31st August, 1909	66 68
	Assistant Clerk in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to 31st August, 1909	50 00
	Stenographer's salary to 31st August, 1909	60 00
	J. S. Gordon, engrossing warrants	10 00
	26—Ambrose, Kent & Son, account to date	11 25
Sept.	1—Hurley Printing Co., printing proceedings	130 00
	J. B. Nixon, account Benevolent Investigation	250 00
	10—United States Fidelity Co., premium on Miss Place's Bond	5 00
	Grand Secretary's salary to 30th September, 1909	500 00
	16—W. H. Wardrope, expenses attending Grand Master at Fort William, Fort Frances and Thorndale	68 70
	Ontario Engraving Co., account to 7th July, 1909	3 60
	Reid Press Co., to 25th August, 1909	14 75
	Office Speciality Co., account to 27th August, 1909	14 50
	Robert Duncan Co., account to 1st September, 1909	47 45
	Copp, Clark Co., account to 31st August, 1909	550 00
	Hurley Printing Co., on account proceedings for 1909	200 00
	25—Hurley Printing Co., balance account for printing Report	313 15
	27—Grand Treasurer's salary to 30th September 1909	50 00
	Auditor's salary to 30th September, 1909	75 00
	Superannuation allowance to former chief clerk in Grand Secretary's Office to 30th September, 1909	66 67
	Assistant in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to 30th September, 1909	66 67

	Assistant Clerk in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to 30th September, 1909	50 00
	Stenographer's salary to 30th Sept., 1909	60 00
	Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent to 30th September, 1909	115 00
	Toronto General Trusts Corporation, rent of box in vault to 20th September, 1909	25 00
Oct.	7—Expenses Bro. S. E. Cornell, St. Thomas, laying corner stone	6 15
	8—Bro. F. W. Harcourt, expenses re Tuscan Lodge, No. 437	76 50
	H. T. Smith, reporting re Tuscan Lodge, 437	33 00
	16—J. B. Nixon, account Benevolent Investigation	250 00
	27—Superannuation allowance to former chief clerk in Grand Secretary's Office to 31st October, 1909	66 67
	Assistant in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to 31st October, 1909	66 67
	Assistant Clerk in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to 31st October, 1909	50 00
	Stenographer's salary to 31st October, 1909	60 00
Nov.	2—J. W. Wallace, D.D.G.M., London, Dis. 3 W. A. Sneath, expenses constituting Hiram Lodge, 490, Markdale	5 00
	6—W. B. Wallace, expenses re Penewobikong Lodge 487	12 50
	17—J. E. Harding, for copy of evidence	15 85
	22—J. C. Elliott, D.D.G.M., expenses constituting King Edward Lodge 488	2 50
	27—Superannuation allowance to former chief clerk in Grand Secretary's Office to 30th November, 1909	7 00
	Assistant in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to 30th November, 1909	66 66
	Assistant Clerk in Grand Secretary's office to 30th November, 1909	66 66
	Stenographer's salary to 30th November, 1909	50 00
Dec.	3—Grand Secretary, postage on proceedings ..	60 00
	20—Premium on Grand Secretary's bond	208 68
	Grand Secretary's salary to 31st December, 1909	12 50
	Grand Treasurer's salary to 31st December, 1909	500 00
	Auditor's salary to 31st December, 1909	50 00
	Superannuation allowance to former chief clerk in Grand Secretary's Office to 31st December 1909	75 00
	Assistant in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to 31st December, 1909	66 67
	Assistant Clerk in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to 30th November, 1909	66 67
Dec.	20—Stenographer's salary to 31st December, 1909	50 00
		60 00

	22—Expenses, dedication at St. Thomas	5	70
	Hurley Printing Co., account	122	81
	G. H. Lannigan, account for binding Grand Lodge returns	26	00
	Robert Duncan Co., account to December 1st	30	95
	Reid Press Co., account to 8th November	25	10
	Bell Telephone Co., account to 30th June, 1910	28	50
	The Cummer Coal Co., account to Nov. 1st ..	13	50
	23—Copp, Clark Co., acount to December 6th	351	40
	J. B. Nixon, balance salary on Benevolent Investigation	250	00
1910			
Jan.	6—Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent to Jan. 1st, 1910	115	00
	Grand Master, travelling expenses	200	00
	Grand Master's stenographer	100	00
	14—R. W. Wallace, D.D.G.M., expenses at St. Thomas dedication	4	45
	26—Superanuation allowance to former chief clerk in Grand Secretary's Office to 31st January, 1910	66	67
	Assistant in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to 31st January, 1910	66	67
	Assistant Clerk in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to 31st January, 1910	50	00
	Stenographer's salary to 31st January, 1910	60	00
Feb.	15—C. J. Holland, express on regalia	12	95
	Hurley Printing Co., account to 10th February, 1910	106	90
	Reid Press account to 20th January, 1910 ..	24	25
	Cook, Pearce Printing Co., to February 1st, 1910	20	75
	Cummer Ice & Coal Co., to 1st February, 1910	40	50
	Robert Duncan Co., to February 1st, 1910..	8	05
	Masonic Relief Association, United States and Canada per capita tax	219	54
	24—Superannuation allowance to former chief clerk in Grand Secretary's Office to 28th February 1910	66	66
	Assistant in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to 28th February, 1910	66	66
	Assistant Clerk in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to 28th February, 1910	50	00
	Stenographer's salary to 28th February, 1910	60	00
March	3—Grand Secretary, account incidental expenses	150	00
	4—Testimonial to Past Grand Master Freed	300	00
	8—Grand Secretary's expenses committee on ballot	66	20
	10—Hand Fireworks Co., tubes	8	00
	J. S. Gordon, account to 15th February, 1910	10	00
	Cook, Pearce Co., account to March 1st, 1910	4	50
	Expenses P. G. M. Freed, dedication Niagara Lodge No. 2	4	00

	Grand Secretary, expenses on commission re Zeta Lodge 410	128 50
21	—Grand Secretary, salary to 31st March, 1910	500 00
	Grand Treasurer, salary 31st March, 1910	50 00
	Auditor's salary to 31st March, 1910	75 00
	Superannuation allowance to former chief clerk in Grand Secretary's Office to 31st March, 1910	66 67
	Assistant in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to 31st March, 1910	66 67
	Assistant Clerk in Grand Secretary's Office, to 31st March, 1910	50 00
	Stenographer's salary to 31st March, 1910	60 00
	Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent to 31st March, 1910	115 00
30	—Grand Master, account travelling expenses	200 00
April 6	—Cummer Ice & Coal Co., account to April 7th, 1910	20 25
	Ontario Engraving Co., account to April 5th, 1910	8 00
	Hurley Printing Co., 200 constitutions	20 00
	Cook Pearce & Co., account to April 1st, 1910	15 90
	R. Duncan & Co., account to 1st March, 1910	20 50
19	—Expenses of Committee on Investments	28 00
	Expenses of delegates attending M. W. Bro. Stevenson's Funeral	52 95
26	—Grand Secretary, account incidental expenses	50 00
	Superannuation allowance to former chief clerk in Grand Secretary's Office to 30th April, 1910	66 67
	Assistant in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to 30th April, 1910	66 67
	Assistant Clerk in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to 30th April, 1910	50 00
	Stenographer's salary to 30th April, 1910	60 00
May 16	—Campbell & Co., floral design	20 00
	Howell Lithograph Co., to 20th April, 1910	36 00
	Hurley Printing Co., to 2nd May, 1910	107 95
26	—Superannuation allowance to former chief clerk in Grand ecretary's Office, salary to 31st May, 1910	66 66
	Assistant in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to 31st May, 1910	66 66
	Assistant Clerk in Grand Secretary's Office, salary to 31st May, 1910	50 00
	Stenographer's salary to 31st May, 1910	60 00
31	—Grand Secretary, balance incidental expenses to 31st May, 1910	45 24
		$15,148 18
	Benevolent orders	24,124 00
	Debenture Investments during the year	26,369 30
	Balance cash in bank less outstanding cheques	4,256 19
		$69,897 67

The attached Statement of Assets shows the amount to the credit of the General Fund on the 31st of May, 1910, and the sums invested with rates of interest. All the debentures are deposited in the vaults of The Toronto General Trusts Corporation, and are under the care of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary, who, in addition to the vault clerk of The Toronto General Trusts Corporation, hold check keys of the rented box where the debentures are deposited.

GENERAL ACCOUNT
Statement of Assets at May 31st, 1910

Securities	Rate of Interest — Bearing %	Rate of Interest — Yielding %	Cost Value	Face Value
DEBENTURES				
Central Canada Loan & Savings Co.....	4	4 1/8	$ 15,000 00	$ 15,000 00
Landed Banking & Loan Company.....	4 3/8	4 3/8	10,000 00	10,000 00
Toronto General Trusts Corporation	4 5/8	4 5/8	11,000 00	11,000 00
Berlin, Town of.....	5	4 1/2	6,884 87	6,718 92
Berlin, Town of.....	5	5	5,523 08	5,523 08
Brantford, City of.....	4	3 7/8	8,173 60	8,000 00
Brockville, Town of	4	3 9/16	3,131 45	3,000 00
Brockville, Town of	4	4 1/2	3,870 92	4,132 95
Brockville, Town of	4	4 3/8	4,132 77	4,348 45
Hamilton, City of	4	4 3/4	2,777 70	3,000 00
Kincardine, Town of ...	5	4 7/8	509 80	500 00
New Westminster, City of	5	4 3/4	5,208 50	5,000 00
New Westminster, City of	5	4.8	5,125 50	5,000 00
Port Arthur, City of.....	5	4 7/8	1,009 31	1,000 00
St. Thomas, City of.....	4	4 1/16	12,026 07	12,148 50
Strathcona, City of.....	4 1/2	4 3/4	4,842 00	5,018 28
Toronto, City of.....	3 1/2	4.05	4,484 14	4,866 66
Toronto, City of.....	3 1/2	5	5,394 09	5,626 47
			$109,093 80	$109,883 31
Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce 31st May, 1910.....			$4,726 43	
Less cheques outstanding 31st May, 1910....			470 24	
				4,256 19
				$114,139 50

Fraternally submitted,

E. T. MALONE,
Grand Treasurer

Examined and certified to as being correct.

HARRY VIGEON
Chartered Accountant

June 30th, 1910

1909 - 1910

PAYMENTS BY THE GRAND TREASURER ON ACCOUNT OF BENEVOLENCE

June, 1909

1	Mrs. W. B.	$40 00
7	Bro. W. A. G.	50 00
25	Miss M. W.	75 00
	Mrs. T. W. H.	75 00
	Miss M. H. H.	18 75

August, 1909.

25	Mrs. W. A. T.	25 00
	Bro. J. V.	20 00
	Miss C. P.	25 00
	Miss N. P.	25 00
	Mrs. W. C. S.	35 00
	Mrs. A. S.	15 00
	Bro. W. G.	75 00
	Mrs. J. J.	35 00
	Miss A. McP.	15 00
	Mrs. G. P.	40 00
	Mrs. R. A. K.	25 00
	Mrs. T. H. W.	25 00
	Bro. W. A. D.	50 00
	Bro. J. A. M.	75 00
	Mrs. C. W. S. S.	50 00
	Mrs. R. G.	30 00
	Mrs. C. A.	20 00
	Mrs. J. C.	50 00
	Mrs. A. S. D.	25 00
	Mrs. J. H.	25 00
	Mrs. J. K.	50 00
	Mrs. R. M. K.	25 00
	Mrs. T. E. McD.	25 00
	Mrs. J. A. M.	30 00
	Mrs. A. M.	30 00
	Bro. W. C.	40 00
	Sec. Treas. L. B. R. for J. B. S.	50 00
	Bro. R. T. S.	25 00
	Mrs. G. S.	20 00
	Mrs. R. W.	15 00
	Bro. W. J. H.	25 00
	Mrs. E. O. S.	20 00
	Mrs. C. S. F.	25 00
	Miss M. D.	35 00
	Mrs. J. M.	30 00
	Mrs. J. T.	10 00
	Mrs. W. J. A.	20 00
	Bro. E. H. B.	75 00
	Bro. W. McC.	30 00
	Mrs. J. W.	30 00
	Mrs. W. P.	20 00
	Mrs. T. E.	25 00
	Mrs. J. H.	10 00
	Mrs. H. L. K.	25 00
	Bro. B. R. S.	50 00
	Mrs. W. T.	20 00
	Mrs. J. W.	20 00
	Mrs. J. A.	30 00
	Mrs. F. W. H.	30 00
	Mrs. J. K.	25 00
	Mrs. T. McL.	40 00
	Bro. D. W. V.	50 00
	Mrs. G. C.	20 00
	Mrs. W. H. H.	20 00
	Mrs. A. J.	20 00
	Mother of C. M.	20 00
	Mrs. W. J. S.	30 00
	Mrs. J. LeC.	15 00
	Mrs. W. P.	20 00
	Mrs. J. W.	20 00
	Mrs. T. A.	40 00
	Mrs. T. B.	15 00
	Mrs. J. E. M.	50 00
	Mrs. W. A. W.	30 00
	Mrs. J. E.	30 00
	Mrs. P. G.	30 00
	Mrs. J. L. H.	20 00
	Mrs. F. McC.	35 00
	Mrs. W. B.	20 00
	Mrs. D. G.	30 00
	Mrs. W. H. S.	15 00
	Bro. F. G. F.	20 00
	Miss M. K.	20 00
	Mrs. J. W. McD.	20 00
	Mrs. W. G. S. R.	15 00
	Mrs. J. B.	30 00
	Mrs. W. F.	30 00
	Mrs. W. L.	10 00
	Mrs. A. H.	15 00
	Mrs. H. H.	20 00
	Mrs. W. M. H.	30 00
	Mrs. F. G. B.	20 00
	Mrs. T. B.	20 00

August, 1909	
Mrs. S. M. D.	20 00
Mrs. J. G.	20 00
Mrs. A. L.	25 00
Mrs. S. L.	25 00
Mrs. J. McK.	25 00
Mrs. C. W. M.....	10 00
Mrs. W. M.	25 00
Mrs. A. M.....	10 00
Mrs. T. S. S.....	15 00
Mrs. W. B.	20 00
Mrs. H. C.	20 00
Miss C. C.	50 00
Mrs. G. H. N.	25 00
Mrs. W. M.	35 00
Bro. H. O. H.	75 00
Mrs. F. C.	10 00
Mrs. J. G.	30 00
Mrs. E. B.	20 00
Mrs. W. H. S.	20 00
Mrs. G. S.....	25 00
Mrs. L. Y.	20 00
Mrs. D. McK.....	20 00
Mrs. T. A.....	25 00
Mrs. J. H.	20 00
Bro. J. H.	75 00
Mrs. W. J.	30 00
Mrs. W. J. T.	20 00
Mrs. F. S. B.	20 00
Bro. A. E. B.	75 00
Bro. T. G.	75 00
Mrs. R. D. M.	30 00
Mrs. G. T. P.	20 00
Mrs. T. G. T.	15 00
Mrs. D. H. W.	20 00
Mrs. E. A. W.	25 00
Mrs. T. G.	30 00
Mrs. E. W. W.	40 00
Mrs. W. A. B.....	25 00
Mrs. R. H. D.....	25 00
Miss E. E	20 00
Mrs. G. H. F.	40 00
Mrs. R. H.	10 00
Mrs. T. R.	25 00
Mrs. A. W.	25 00
Mrs. S. W.	20 00
Mrs. J. R. L. S...	25 00
Mrs. A. B.	50 00
Mrs. G. H. B.....	30 00
Mrs. E. O.	30 00
Mrs. J. R. W....	30 00
Bro. F. M. A.	75 00
Mrs. O. J. A.	30 00
Mrs. F. D.	40 00

August, 1909	
Mrs. A. G.	15 00
Mrs. J. R. H.	20 00
Mrs. H. St. V. J. ..	20 00
Mrs. H. S. McG...	20 00
Mrs. G. McI.	40 00
Mrs. C. W. N.....	30 00
Mrs. J. J. T.	20 00
Mrs. R. C.	30 00
Mrs. F. W. S. ..	40 00
Mrs. P. P.	25 00
Mrs. M. McL.	35 00
Mrs. J. H. T.	25 00
Mrs. H. E. H.	50 00
Mrs. G. K.	30 00
Mrs. S. B.	20 00
Mrs. J. B.	20 00
Mrs. B. B.	30 00
Mrs. W. C.	30 00
Bro. M. G. R.	75 00
Miss M. W.	30 00
Mrs. F. M. B.	40 00
Mrs. H. H.	35 00
Mrs. J. M.	25 00
Mrs. J. S.	25 00
Mrs. A. C.	20 00
Mrs. S. E. C.	50 00
Mrs. J. A.	20 00
Mrs. A. C.	50 00
Mrs. H. A. C.	30 00
Bro. J. F.	50 00
Mrs. J. B.	40 00
Mrs. R. A. D.....	40 00
Mrs. G. E. P.	40 00
Mrs. J. S. B.	30 00
Mrs. S. S. R.	30 00
Mrs. W. B. W.	40 00
Mrs. L. R.	40 00
Mrs. T. H. S.	40 00
Bro. A. C.	75 00
Mrs. H. E.	25 00
Mrs. A. DeP.	30 00
Mrs. A. K.	15 00
Bro. A. S.	50 00
Bro. W. B.	50 00
Mrs. E. W.	30 00
Mrs. W. B. U.	25 00
Mrs. C. A.	20 00
Mrs. E. K.	20 00
Bro. R. F.	50 00
Mrs. W. J. W.	25 00
Mrs. J. H. W.	30 00
Mrs. D. M. C.	20 00
Mrs. B. H. E.....	30 00

August, 1909	
Mrs. A. C.	40 00
Bro. W. A. D.	75 00
Bro. J. H. L.	50 00
Mrs. W. J. C.	25 00
Bro. G. C.	50 00
Bro. F. McM.	75 00
Bro. J. M.	30 00
Bro. J. K.	75 00
Mrs. W. J. B.	20 00
Mrs. D. R.	40 00
Mrs. J. E.	20 00
Mrs. W. M.	20 00
Mrs. C. R.	40 00
Mrs. W. R. A.	15 00
Mrs. A. C. C.	20 00
Mrs. G. O. F.	30 00
Mrs. G. G.	20 00
Mrs. W. E. K.	20 00
Mrs. M. J. L.	20 00
Bro. J. A. S.	15 00
Mrs. S. T.	40 00
Mrs. P. F.	30 00
Children I. G. L. ..	30 00
Mrs. C. G.....	25 00
Mrs. T. T. J.	15 00
Mrs. T. B.	30 00
Mrs. J. C.	30 00
Mrs. R. F.	20 00
Mrs. R. W. L.....	15 00
Mrs. W. McG.	40 00
Bro. W. S.	25 00
Mrs. J. H.	30 00
Mrs. T. B.	50 00
Mrs. S. D. M.....	25 00
Bro. J. E. R.	75 00
Mrs. W. A.....	20 00
Mrs. J. W.	50 00
Mrs. G. R.	30 00
Mrs. J. S.	20 00
Mrs. C. B. B.	20 00
Mrs. C. F.	30 00
Mrs. A. L.	40 00
Mrs. E. H. R.	20 00
Mrs. D. S.	10 00
Mrs. J. S.	10 00
Mrs. G. W.	10 00
Mrs. P. R. D.	30 00
Mrs. W. E. S.....	15 00
Bro. J. S.	75 00
Mrs. T. G. B.	50 00
Mrs. C. B.	10 00
Bro. E. G.	52 00
Mrs. G. S.	25 00

August, 1909	
Mrs. J. F.	50 00
Miss M. L.	20 00
Mrs. J. A. MacI. ..	25 00
Mrs. J. S.	20 00
Mrs. J. A. P.....	25 00
Mrs. J. R.	50 00
Mrs. C. W. C.....	20 00
Mrs. N. M. C.	25 00
Mrs. J. A.....	50 00
Mrs. H. C. G.	40 00
Mrs. J. McC.	30 00
Mrs. W. G. A. P. ..	75 00
Bro. M. L. McA. ..	75 00
Mrs. J. P.	40 00
Bro. J. C.	50 00
Bro. R. A.	50 00
Mrs. W. E. J.	30 00
Mrs. R. S.	25 00
Mrs. J. A.	50 00
Mrs. J. Z.	20 00
Mrs. R. G.	10 00
Mrs. H. S.	30 00
Mrs. W. C.	25 00
Bro. Thos. W.	75 00
Miss A. V.	20 00
Bro. A. B.	50 00
Mrs. C. A. C.	25 00
Bro. C. R.	30 00
Mrs. A. S.	50 00
Miss A. M. B.	40 00
Mrs. R. L. S.	50 00
Mrs. W. B. S.....	25 00
Mrs. A. S.	50 00
Mrs. W. Y.	50 00
Mrs. J. McL.	50 00
Mrs. A. K.....	30 00
Bro. W. H. L.	75 00
Mrs. J. P.....	30 00
Mrs. T. B. P.	15 00
Mrs. R. H. W.	20 00
Children Mrs. J. S.	30 00
Mrs. E. S.	20 00
Mrs. D. McN.	25 00
Mrs. D. L.	50 00
Mrs. D. H. B.	10 00
Mrs. J. W.	20 00
Mrs. W. C.	15 00
Mrs. E. W.	30 00
Bro. E. W. T.....	50 00
Mrs. R. C.	20 00
Mrs. R. R.	20 00
Mrs. J. A.	30 00
Mrs. G. W. A.	30 00

August, 1909		
	Bro. E. G.	50 00
	Bro. R. V.	75 00
	Mrs. R. A.	50 00
	Mrs. T. C. L.	40 00
	Mrs. E. D.	40 00
	Mrs. C. C.	30 00
	Bro. C. L.	15 00
	Mrs. J. F. S.	25 00
	Bro. C. S.	50 00
	Bro. T. R. W.....	75 00
	Mrs. H. R.	35 00
	Bro. G. O. D.	75 00
	Mrs. J. M.	10 00
	Mrs. F. B.	15 00
	Mrs. W. B. S.	30 00
	Miss S. J. A.	30 00
	Mrs. A. A. M.	40 00
	Bro. J. C. M.	25 00
	Bro. F. P.	75 00
	Bro. J. B.	75 00
	Mrs. J. S.	30 00
	Mrs. W. H. E.....	40 00
	Mrs. J. W. W. ...	40 00
	Bro. H. H.	30 00
	Bro. G. A. F. C...	40 00
	Bro. A. M. C.	75 00
	Mrs. S. R.	40 00
	Mrs. J. D. R.	30 00
	Mrs. J. E. E.	15 00
	Orphans C. A. E. C.	15 00
	Mrs. R. A. P.....	30 00
	Miss A. R.	25 00
	Mrs. G. W.	50 00
	Bro. W. McK.	25 00
	Bro. J. C.	50 00
	Mrs. J. F. T.	30 00
	Bro. S. C. D.	75 00
	Mrs. B. C.	50 00
	Bro. S. A. N.	50 00
	Mrs. P. C.	50 00
	Mrs. A. F.	20 00
	Mrs. L. M. L.....	20 00
	Mrs. F. E. S.	20 00
	Bro. W. A. G.....	75 00
	Mrs. J. C.	20 00
	Mrs. J. H. B.	30 00
	Mrs. A. C.	30 00
	Bro. H. C. E. C. ..	25 00
	Bro. W. B.	50 00
	Bro. G. R. McL. ..	75 00
	Bro. P. W. M.	50 00
	Bro. T. P.	50 00
	Mrs. M. McC.	50 00
August, 1909		
	Mrs. W. B.	40 00
	Mrs. D. C.	30 00
	Mrs. A. H. C.....	50 00
	Mrs. R. E.	15 00
	Bro. W. A. K.	25 00
	Mrs. A. B.	50 00
September, 1909		
4	Mother A. W. C.....	50 00
14	W. M. Lorne Lodge 377, Shelburne, Funeral expenses Bro. Wm. McK.	25 00
27	Mrs. T. D. H.	75 00
	Mrs. J. W.	50 00
	Miss M. W.	75 00
	Miss M. H. H.	18 75
October, 1909		
1	Bro. F. P.	50 00
9	Bro. B. I. L.	50 00
November, 1909		
17	Bro. S. R. E.	50 00
	Mrs. T. G.	50 00
December, 1909		
20	Mrs. T. D. H.....	75 00
	Miss M. H. H.	18 75
	Miss W.	75 00
	W. M. Doric 121, Brantford, Bro. G.	72 00
30	Bro. T. K.	50 00
January, 1910		
20	Mrs. C. F.	25 00
	Bro. J. W. S.	50 00
February, 1910		
1	Bro. J. McT.	50 00
17	Mrs. W. A. T.	25 00
	Mrs. J. V.....	20 00
	Miss C. P.	25 00
	Miss U. P.	25 00
	Mrs. W. C. S.	35 00
	Mrs. A. S.	15 00
	Bro. W. G.	75 00
	Mrs. J. J.	35 00
	Miss A. McP.	15 00
	Mrs. G. P.	40 00
	Mrs. R. A. K.	25 00
	Mrs. T. H. W.	25 00
	Bro. W. A. D.	50 00
	Bro. J. M.	75 00
	Mrs. C. W. S.	50 00
	Mrs. R. G.	30 00

February, 1910	
Mrs. C. A.	20 00
Mrs. J. C.	50 00
Mrs. A. S. D.	25 00
Mrs. J. H.	25 00
Mrs. J. K.	50 00
Mrs. R. M. K.	25 00
Mrs. T. E. McD.	25 00
Mrs. J. A. M.	30 00
Mrs. A. M.	30 00
Bro. W. C.	40 00
Bro. J. B. S.	50 00
Bro. R. T. S.	25 00
Mrs. G. S.	20 00
Mrs. R. W.	15 00
Bro. W. J. H.	25 00
Mrs. E. O. S.	20 00
Miss M. D.	35 00
Mrs. J. M.	30 00
Mrs. J. T.	10 00
Mrs. W. J. A.	20 00
Bro. E. H. B.	75 00
Bro. W. McC.	30 00
Mrs. J. W.	30 00
Mrs. W. P.	20 00
Mrs. T. E.	25 00
Mrs. J. H.	10 00
Mrs. H. L. K.	25 00
Bro. B. R. S.	50 00
Mrs. W. T.	20 00
Mrs. J. W.	20 00
Mrs. J. A.	30 00
Mrs. F. W. H.	30 00
Mrs. J. K.	25 00
Mrs. T. McC. L.	40 00
Bro. D. W. V.	50 00
Mrs. G. C.	20 00
Mrs. W. H. H.	20 00
Mrs. A. J.	20 00
Mrs. E. M.	20 00
Mrs. W. J. S.	30 00
Mrs. J. LeC.	15 00
Mrs. W. P.	20 00
Mrs. J. W.	20 00
Mrs. T. A.	40 00
Mrs. T. B.	15 00
Mrs. J. E. M.	50 00
Mrs. W. A. W.	30 00
Mrs. J. E.	30 00
Mrs. P. G.	30 00
Mrs. J. L. H.	20 00
Mrs. F. McC.	35 00
Mrs. W. B.	20 00
Mrs. D. G.	30 00

February, 1910	
Mrs. W. H. S.	15 00
Bro. F. G. F.	20 00
Miss E. M. K.	20 00
Mrs. J. W. McD.	20 00
Mrs. W. G. S. R.	15 00
Mrs. J. B.	30 00
Mrs. W. F.	30 00
Mrs. W. L.	10 00
Mrs. A. H.	15 00
Mrs. H. H.	20 00
Mrs. W. M. H.	30 00
Mrs. F. G. B.	20 00
Mrs. T. J. B.	20 00
Mrs. S. M. D.	20 00
Mrs. J. G.	20 00
Mrs. A. L.	25 00
Bro. S. L.	25 00
Mrs. J. McK.	25 00
Mrs. C. W. M.	10 00
Mrs. W. M.	25 00
Mrs. A. M.	10 00
Mrs. T. S. S.	15 00
Mrs. W. B.	20 00
Mrs. H. C.	20 00
Mrs. G. H. N.	25 00
Mrs. W. M.	35 00
Bro. H. O. H.	75 00
Mrs. F. C.	10 00
Mrs. J. G.	30 00
Mrs. E. B.	20 00
Mrs. W. H. S.	20 00
Mrs. G. S.	25 00
Mrs. L. Y.	20 00
Mrs. D. McK.	20 00
Mrs. T. A.	25 00
Mrs. J. H.	20 00
Bro. J. H.	75 00
Mrs. W. J.	30 00
Mrs. W. J. T.	20 00
Mrs. F. S. B.	20 00
Mrs. A. E. B.	75 00
Mrs. T. G.	75 00
Mrs. R. D. M.	30 00
Mrs. G. T. P.	20 00
Mrs. T. G. T.	15 00
Mrs. D. H. W.	20 00
Mrs. E. A. W.	25 00
Mrs. T. G.	30 00
Mrs. E. E. W.	40 00
Mrs. W. A. B.	25 00
Mrs. R. H. D.	25 00
Mrs. E. E.	20 00
Mrs. R. H.	10 00

February, 1910	
Mrs. T. R.	25 00
Mrs. A. W.	25 00
Mrs. S. W.	20 00
Mrs. J. R. L. S.	25 00
Mrs. A. B.	50 00
Mrs. G. H. B.	30 00
Mrs. E. O.	30 00
Mrs. J. R. W.	30 00
Bro. F. M. A.	75 00
Mrs. C. J. A.	30 00
Mrs. F. D.	40 00
Mrs. A. G.	15 00
Mrs. J. W. H.	20 00
Mrs. H. St. V. J.	20 00
Mrs. H. S. McG.	20 00
Mrs. G. McI.	40 00
Mrs. C. W. N.	30 00
Mrs. J. J. T.	20 00
Mrs. R. C.	30 00
Mrs. F. W. S.	40 00
Mrs. P. P.	25 00
Mrs. M. McL.	35 00
Bro. J. T. T.	25 00
Mrs. W. E. H.	50 00
Mrs. G. K.	30 00
Mrs. S. B.	20 00
Mrs. J. B.	20 00
Mrs. B. B.	30 00
Mrs. W. C.	30 00
Bro. M. G. R.	75 00
Miss M. W.	30 00
Mrs. F. M. B.	40 00
Mrs. H. H.	35 00
Mrs. J. M.	25 00
Mrs. J. S.	25 00
Mrs. A. C.	20 00
Mrs. S. M. C.	50 00
Mrs. J. A.	20 00
Miss A. C.	50 00
Mrs. H. A. C.	30 00
Bro. J. F.	50 00
Miss J. B.	40 00
Mrs. R. A. D.	40 00
Mrs. J. S. B.	30 00
Mrs. S. S. R.	30 00
Mrs. W. B. W.	40 00
Mrs. L. R.	40 00
Mrs. T. H. S.	40 00
Bro. A. C.	75 00
Mrs. H. E.	25 00
Mrs. A. DeP	30 00
Bro. A. S.	50 00
Bro. W. B.	50 00

February, 1910	
Mrs. E. W.	30 00
Mrs. W. B. U.	25 00
Mrs. C. A.	20 00
Mrs. E. K.	20 00
Mrs. W. J. W.	25 00
Mrs. J. H. W.	30 00
Mrs. D. L. C.	20 00
Mrs. B. H. E.	30 00
Mrs. A. C.	40 00
Bro. W. A. D.	75 00
Bro. J. H. L.	50 00
Mrs. W. J. C.	25 00
Bro. G. C.	50 00
Bro. F. McM.	75 00
Mrs. J. M.	30 00
Bro. J. K.	75 00
Mrs. W. J. B.	20 00
Mrs. D. R.	40 00
Mrs. J. E.	20 00
Mrs. W. M.	20 00
Mrs. C. R.	40 00
Mrs. W. R. A.	15 00
Mrs. A. C. C.	20 00
Mrs. G. O. F.	30 00
Mrs. G. G.	20 00
Mrs. W. E. K.	20 00
Mrs. M. J. L.	20 00
Bro. J. A. S.	15 00
Mrs. S. T.	40 00
Mrs. P. F.	30 00
Children of I. G. L.	30 00
Mrs. C. G.	25 00
Mrs. T. T. J.	15 00
Mrs. T. B.	30 00
Mrs. J. C.	30 00
Mrs. R. F.	20 00
Mrs. R. W. L.	15 00
Mrs. W. McG.	40 00
Bro. W. S.	25 00
Mrs. J. H.	30 00
Mrs. T. B.	50 00
Bro. J. E. R.	75 00
Mrs. W. A.	20 00
Mrs. G. R.	30 00
Mrs. J. S.	20 00
Mrs. C. B. B.	20 00
Mrs. C. F.	30 00
Mrs. E. H. R.	20 00
Mrs. D. S.	10 00
Mrs. J. S.	10 00
Mrs. P. R. D.	30 00
Mrs. W. E. S.	15 00
Bro. J. S.	75 00

February, 1910	
Mrs. T. G. B.	50 00
Mrs. C. B.	10 00
Mrs. G. S.	25 00
Mrs. J. F.	50 00
Mrs. M. L.	20 00
Mrs. J. A. MacI...	25 00
Mrs. J. S.	20 00
Mrs. J. A. P.	25 00
Mrs. J. R.	50 00
Mrs. C. W. C.	20 00
Mrs. N. M. C. ..	25 00
Mrs. J. A.	50 00
Mrs. N. G. G.	40 00
Mrs. J. McC.	50 00
Bro. G. W. A. P..	75 00
Bro. M. I. McA. ..	75 00
Mrs. J. P.	40 00
Bro. J. C.	50 00
Bro. R. A.	50 00
Mrs. W. E. J.	30 00
Mrs. R. S.	25 00
Mrs. J. A.	50 00
Mrs. J. Z.	20 00
Mrs. R. G.	10 00
Miss H. S.	30 00
Mrs. W. C.	25 00
Bro. T. W.	75 00
Miss A. V.	20 00
Bro. A. B.	50 00
Mrs. C. A. C.	25 00
Bro. G. R.	30 00
Mrs. A. S.	50 00
Miss A. M. B.	40 00
Mrs. R. L. S.	50 00
Mrs. W. R. S.	25 00
Mrs. A. S.	50 00
Mrs. W. Y.	50 00
Mrs. J. McL.	50 00
Mrs. A. K.	30 00
Bro. W. H. L.....	75 00
Mrs. J. P.	30 00
Mrs. T. B. P.	15 00
Mrs. R. H. W.	20 00
Children of Bro. H. S.	30 00
Mrs. E. S.	20 00
Mrs. D. McN.	25 00
Mrs. D. L.	50 00
Mrs. D. H. B.	10 00
Mrs. J. W.	20 00
Mrs. W. C.	15 00
Mrs. E. W.	30 00
Bro. E. W. T.	50 00
Mrs. R. C.	20 00

February, 1910	
Mrs. R. R.	20 00
Mrs. L. A.	30 00
Mrs. G. W. A. ..	30 00
Bro. E. G.	50 00
Bro. R. V.	75 00
Mrs. R. A.	50 00
Mrs. T. C. L.	40 00
Mrs. E. D.	40 00
Mrs. C. C.	30 00
Bro. C. L.	15 00
Mrs. J. F. S.	25 00
Bro. T. R. W.	75 00
Mrs. H. R.	35 00
Bro. G. O. D.	75 00
Mrs. J. M.	10 00
Mrs. F. B.	15 00
Mrs. W. B. S.	30 00
Miss S. J. A.	30 00
Mrs. A. A. M.	40 00
Bro. J. C. M.	25 00
Bro. F. P.	75 00
Bro. J. B.	75 00
Mrs. J. S.	30 00
Mrs. W. H. E.	40 00
Mrs. J. W. W.	40 00
Bro. H. H.	30 00
Bro. G. A. F. C. ..	40 00
Bro. A. M. C.	75 00
Mrs. J. D. R.	30 00
Mrs. J. E. E.	15 00
Orphans C. A. E. C.	15 00
Mrs. R. A. P.	30 00
Miss A. R.	25 00
Mrs. G. W.	50 00
Bro. J. C.	50 00
Mrs. J. F. T.	30 00
Bro. S. C. D.	75 00
Bro. S. W. N.	50 00
Mrs. P. C.	50 00
Mrs. A. F.	20 00
Mrs. L. M. L.	20 00
Mrs. F. E. S.	20 00
Bro. W. A. G.	75 00
Mrs. J. C.	20 00
Mrs. J. H. B.	30 00
Mrs. A. C.	30 00
Bro. H. C. E. C...	25 00
Bro. W. B.	50 00
Bro. G. R. McL. ..	75 00
Bro. P. W. M.	50 00
Bro. T. P.	50 00
Mrs. M. McC.....	50 00
Mrs. D. C.	30 00

February, 1910			31	Widow G. F. F. ...	40 00
	Mrs. A. H. C.	50 00	April, 1910		
	Mrs. R. E.	15 00	6	Mrs. W. H. T.	40 00
	Bro. W. A. K.	25 00		Bro. R. H. B.	30 00
	Mrs. A. B.	50 00	7	Bro. R. L. D.....	50 00
March, 1910			14	Bro. H. J. H.	50 00
1	Mrs. C. J. H.	30 00	20	Bro. McL.....	50 00
24	Mrs. T. D. H.	75 00	May, 1910		
	Miss M. W.	75 00	23	Bro. T. T.	30 00
	Miss M. H.	18 75		Mrs. H. H.	40 00

$24,124 00

THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

I herewith submit a statement of Receipts and Expenditures of the Semi-Centennial fund for the year, ending 31st May, 1910:

RECEIPTS

To balance at the credit of the account in Canadian Bank of Commerce on the 31st day of May, 1909..	$	789 04
To amount received from Grand Secretary during the year ending 31st May, 1910		18,266 58
To interest on Investments		2,615 04
To interest on Bank deposits		54 60
To dividend on Hamilton Masonic Hall, value $100, standing in the name of and held by the Grand Secretary		5 00
Debenture instalment matured and paid		44 24
		$21,781 50

DISBURSEMENTS

By purchase	City of Calgary	$	4,009 58
" "	City of Ottawa		1,954 62
" "	District of North Vancouver, B. C., ...		2,316 21
" "	Town of Sault Ste Marie		1,901 55
" Toronto	General Trusts Corporation, Guarantee Agreement		5,000 00
" Benevolent	Grants per annexed list		2,650 00
" Balance	in Bank $6,199 54		
" Less	outstanding cheques 2,850 00		
			3,349 54
			$21,781 50

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND

Statement of Assets at May 31st, 1910

Securities	Rate of Interest Bearing %	Rate of Interest Yielding %	Cost Value	Face Value
DEBENTURES				
Berlin, City of	5	4½	$ 1,480 77	$ 1,418 64
East Toronto, Town of	5	5½	1,600 08	1,635 12
Galt, Town of	4	5	1,695 60	2,000 00
Ingersoll, Town of	4	5	891 60	1,000 00
Kincardine, Town of	5	4⅞	1,019 60	1,000 00
Oshawa, Town of	4½	4½	5,272 13	5 272 13
Ottawa, City of	5	4	10,529 00	10,000 00
Owen Sound, Town of	4½	5	940 10	1,000 00
Owen Sound, Town of	5	4¼	2,200 80	2,000 00
Peterborough, City of	3	4	1,693 20	2,000 00
Peterborough, City of	4	5	907 90	1,000 00
St. Catharines, City of	4	4¼	5,141 74	5,319 96
Saltfleet, Township of	5	4¾	4,119 22	4,000 00
Seaforth, Town of	5	4¾	4,105 56	4,000 00
Toronto, City of	3½	4	4,830 50	5,000 00
Woodstock, City of	4½	4.05	4,240 00	4,000 00
Hamilton Masonic Hall Association Stock		5	100 00	100 00
Calgary, City of	4½	4½	3,980 00	4,000 00
Ottawa, City of	4	4½	1,951 80	2,000 00
Vancouver North, Dist. of	4½	4¾	2,880 60	3,000 00
Sault Ste. Marie, Town of	5	4¾	1,862 64	1,800 00
Toronto General Trusts Corporation Guarantee Agreement	4⅝	4⅝	5,000 00	5,000 00
			$66,442 84	$66,545 85

Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce 31st May, 1910	$6,199 54	
Less outstanding cheques	2,850 00	
		3,349 54
		$ 69,895 39

All of which is fraternally submitted,

E. T. MALONE,
Grand Treasurer

Examined and certified to as being correct,

HARRY VIGEON,
Chartered Accountant

June 30th, 1910

1909 - 1910

Payments by the Grand Treasurer on Account of Benevolence, Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fuud

September, 1909		
27	Bro. M. P. C.	$50 00
October, 1909		
9	Mrs. W. H. B.	50 00
	Bro. B. I. L.	50 00
December, 1909		
9	Bro. W. G.	20 00
	Mrs. J. K.	25 00
	Bro. J. M.	50 00
	Mrs. C. W. S. S. ..	25 00
	Mrs. J. C.	25 00
	Bro. E. H. B.....	25 00
	Bro. J. E. M.....	25 00
	Sister W. C.	25 00
	Bro. O. H. H.....	25 00
	Bro. A. E. B.....	25 00
	Bro. T. G.	25 00
	Bro. W. E. H.	25 00
	Mrs. A. B.	25 00
	Bro. M. J. R.	25 00
	Miss A. C.	25 00
	Bro. W. A. D. ..	50 00
	Bro. F. McM.	50 00
	Mrs. T. B.	20 00
	Bro. J. E. R.	50 00
	Mrs. J. F.	25 00
	Mrs. J. R.	25 00
	Mrs. J. A.	25 00
	Mrs. A. S.	25 00
	Mrs. J. McL.	25 00
	Bro. R. V.	50 00
	Bro. T. R. W.	50 00
	Bro. G. O. D.	25 00
	Bro. F. P.	40 00
	Bro. J. B.	50 00
	Bro. T. P.	50 00
	Bro. G. R. McL. ..	50 00
23	Miss L. A.	30 00
January, 1910		
10	Bro. W. B.	25 00
March, 1910.		
8	Bro. F. P.	50 00
19	Mrs. J. H. B.	40 00
April, 1910.		
25	Mrs. S.	40 00
May, 1910		
31	Bro. W. G.	40 00
	Mrs. J. K.	25 00
	Bro. J. M.	50 00
	Mrs. C. W. S. S. ..	25 00
	Mrs. J. C.	25 00
	Bro. E. H. B.	50 00
	Mrs. J. E. M.	50 00
	Bro. H. O. H.	25 00
	Mrs. A. E. B.....	50 00
	Bro. T. G.....	50 00
	Mrs. W. E. H.	35 00
	Mrs. A. B.	25 00
	Bro. M. J. R.....	25 00
	Miss A. C.	25 00
	Bro. A. W. D.	75 00
	Bro. F. McM.	75 00
	Mrs. T. B.	20 00
	Bro. J. E. R.	50 00
	Mrs. J. F.	50 00
	Mrs. J. R.	25 00
	Mrs. A. S.	25 00
	Mrs. J. McL.	25 00
	Bro. R. V.	75 00
	Bro. T. R. W.	75 00
	Bro. G. O. D.	75 00
	Bro. F. P.	60 00
	Bro. J. B.	75 00
	Bro. G. R. McL. ..	50 00
	Bro. J. A. C.	50 00
	Miss L. A. for Mrs. J. A.	30 00
		$2,650 00

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I beg leave to present my annual report, containing an account of all moneys received by me, and paid to the Grand Treasurer during the year ending 31st of May, 1910, including the following statements, viz:

A Summary of Receipts from various sources on General Account; Details of Receipts on General Account; Details of payments thereof to the Grand Treasurer; a Summary of Expenditure for the year; details of the returns of Lodges as at the 24th June, 1910, and details of the ledger balances as at the 31st May, 1910, a summary of receipts and payments to the Grand Treasurer on account of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund; a Statement of the amount contributed to the Fund by lodges, and from other sources, showing the details of receipts on Capital Account for the year, and the aggregates from each Lodge from the commencement of the fund to the 31st of May, 1910, and the quota of each Lodge; and a statement of the Receipts and Disbursements for the year on the S. C. B. Fund Revenue Account. Also a record of dispensations issued, By-laws and amendments thereto approved and other official acts of the M. W. the Grand Master.

GENERAL ACCOUNT

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

Certificates		$ 226 00
Dues		22,575 05
Fees		10,252 00
Dispensations		428 00
Warrants		60 00
Constitutions		929 30
Commutation of dues		1,365 00
Miscellaneous		516 10
Interest on debentures and Bank Account:		
Canadian Savings and Loan Corporation	$206 24	
Central Canada Loan and Savings Co.	600 00	

Hamilton Provident and Loan Society	618 75	
Landed Banking and Loan Co.	437 50	
Ontario Loan and Debenture Co.	206 25	
Town of Berlin	364 96	
Town of Berlin	276 15	
City of Brantford	320 00	
Town of Brockville	120 00	
Town of Brockville	391 53	
City of Hamilton	120 00	
Town of Kincardine	25 00	
City of Port Arthur	50 00	
City of St. Thomas	485 95	
City of Toronto	170 32	
City of Toronto	196 94	
Bank Account	266 35	
		4,855 94
Total revenue General Account		$41,207 39

Debentures matured:

Canadian Savings and Loan	$ 5,000 00	
Hamilton Provident and Loan	15,000 00	
Ontario Loan and Debenture	5,000 00	
Town of Berlin	580 32	
Town of Brockville	344 29	
		25,924 61
		$67,132 00

DETAILS OF RECEIPTS ON GENERAL ACCOUNT.

2	Niagara, Niagara	$ 62 40
3	Ancient, St. John's, Kingston	124 00
5	Sussex, Brockville	167 25
6	Barton, Hamilton	397 50
7	Union, Grimsby	59 00
9	Union, Napanee	101 75
10	Norfolk, Simcoe	77 25
11	Moira, Belleville	170 00
14	True Britons, Perth	70 75
15	St. George's, St. Catharines	61 00
16	St. Andrew's, Toronto	189 00
17	St. John's, Cobourg	123 75
18	Prince Edward, Picton	152 50
20	St. John's, London	151 50
21a	St. John's, Vankleek Hill	48 25
22	King Solomon's, Toronto	203 50
23	Richmond, Richmond Hill	23 50
24	St. Francis, Smith's Falls	100 00
25	Ionic, Toronto	165 50
26	Ontario, Port Hope	103 00
27	Strict Observance, Hamilton	240 00
28	Mount Zion, Kemptville	39 00
29	United, Brighton	65 50
30	Composite, Whitby	44 00
31	Jerusalem, Bowmanville	72 75
32	Amity, Dunnville	90 80
33	Maitland, Goderich	150 50
34	Thistle, Amherstburg	81 50
35	St. John's, Cayuga	69 75
37	King Hiram, Ingersoll	73 00
38	Trent, Trenton	122 50
39	Mount Zion, Brooklin	37 50
40	St. John's, Hamilton	281 25
41	St. George's, Kingsville	75 75
42	St. George's, London	100 00
43	King Solomon's, Woodstock	193 00
44	St. Thomas, St. Thomas	209 00
45	Brant, Brantford	273 75
46	Wellington, Chatham	162 00
47	Great Western, Windsor	332 50
48	Madoc, Madoc	95 00
50	Consecon, Consecon	32 25
52	Dalhousie, Ottawa	224 00
54	Vaughan, Maple	27 75
55	Merrickville, Merrickville	66 25
56	Victoria, Sarnia	136 75
57	Harmony Binbrook	44 50
58	Doric, Ottawa	123 50
61	Acacia, Hamilton	261 10
62	St. Andrew's, Caledonia	70 00
63	St. John's, Carleton Place	93 00

64	Kilwinning, London	234 00
65	Rehoboam, Toronto	252 00
66	Durham, Newcastle	39 50
68	St. John's, Ingersoll	83 75
69	Stirling, Stirling	73 25
72	Alma, Galt	139 00
73	St. James', St. Mary's	66 50
74	St. James', S. Augusta	45 25
75	St. John's, Toronto	162 00
76	Oxford, Woodstock	168 50
77	Faithful Brethren, Lindsay	122 50
78	King Hiram, Tilsonburg	161 00
79	Simcoe, Bradford	42 50
81	St. John's, Mt. Brydges	70 00
82	St. John's, Paris	87 00
83	Beaver, Strathroy	122 50
84	Clinton, Clinton	60 25
85	Rising Sun, Athens	40 25
86	Wilson, Toronto	215 75
87	Markham Union, Markham	69 50
88	St. George's, Owen Sound	110 25
90	Manito, Collingwood	128 55
91	Colborne, Colborne	57 50
92	Cataraqui, Kingston	118 50
93	Northern Light, Kincardine	60 75
94	St. Mark's, Port Stanley	51 50
96	Corinthian, Barrie	132 00
97	Sharon, Queensville	64 00
98	True Blue, Bolton	31 50
99	Tuscan, Newmarket	124 25
100	Valley, Dundas	138 50
101	Corinthian, Peterborough	108 75
103	Maple Leaf, St. Catharines	126 75
104	St. John's, Norwich	77 75
105	St. Mark's, Niagara Falls	82 75
106	Burford, Burford	49 50
107	St. Paul's, Lambeth	45 75
108	Blenheim, Princeton	23 75
109	Albion, Harrowsmith	95 75
110	Central, Prescott	75 25
113	Wilson, Waterford	105 00
114	Hope, Port Hope	104 75
115	Ivy, Beamsville	124 00
116	Cassia, Thedford	28 00
118	Union, Schomberg	47 75
119	Maple Leaf, Bath	56 25
120	Warren, Fingal	30 75
121	Doric, Brantford	385 65
122	Renfrew, Renfrew	108 75
123	Belleville, Belleville	146 00
125	Cornwall, Cornwall	77 75
126	Golden Rule, Campbellford	64 50
127	Franck, Frankford	53 25

128	Pembroke, Pembroke	91 75
129	Rising Sun, Aurora	76 00
131	St. Lawrence, Southampton	58 50
133	Lebanon Forest, Exeter	64 25
135	St. Clair, Milton	69 50
136	Richardson, Stouffville	59 75
137	Pythagoras, Meaford	73 00
139	Lebanon, Oshawa	91 25
140	Malahide, Aylmer	77 25
141	Tudor, Mitchell	51 25
142	Excelsior, Morrisburg	44 25
143	Friendly Brothers, Iroquois	59 00
144	Tecumseh, Stratford	153 00
145	J. B. Hall, Millbrook	58 50
146	Prince of Wales, Newburgh	48 00
147	Mississippi, Almonte	93 75
148	Civil Service, Ottawa	125 75
149	Erie, Port Dover	37 75
151	Grand River, Berlin	121 25
153	Burns, Wyoming	72 25
154	Irving, Lucan	74 75
155	Peterborough, Peterborough	177 25
156	York, North Toronto	95 00
157	Simpson, Newboro	52 50
158	Alexandra, Oil Springs	48 75
159	Goodwood, Richmond	83 50
161	Percy, Warkworth	55 00
162	Forest, Wroxeter	34 50
164	Star in the East, Wellington	92 50
165	Burlington, Burlington	109 50
166	Wentworth, Stoney Creek	76 50
168	Merritt, Welland	102 35
169	Macnab, Port Colborne	69 70
170	Britannia, Seaforth	66 75
171	Prince of Wales, Lawrence Station	28 00
172	Ayr, Ayr	25 00
174	Walsingham, Port Rowan	33 75
177	The Builders, Ottawa	182 00
178	Plattsville, Plattsville	20 75
180	Speed, Guelph	68 25
181	Oriental, Port Burwell	23 00
184	Old Light, Lucknow	80 75
185	Enniskillen, York	31 75
186	Plantagenet, Plantagenet	57 00
190	Belmont, Belmont	58 00
192	Orillia, Orillia	156 00
193	Scotland, Scotland	48 75
194	Petrolia, Petrolia	68 80
195	Tuscan, London	126 00
196	Madawaska, Arnprior	77 75
197	Saugeen, Walkerton	52 25
200	St. Alban's, Mt. Forest	51 00
201	Leeds, Gananoque	118 00
203	Irvine, Elora	52 25

205	New Dominion, New Hamburg ..	24 50
207	Lancaster, Lancaster	130 75
209a	St. John's, London	189 25
209	Evergreen, Lanark	43 50
212	Elysian, Garden Island	24 50
215	Lake, Ameliasburg	40 50
216	Harris, Orangeville	157 50
217	Frederick, Delhi	62 00
218	Stevenson, Toronto	228 50
219	Credit, Georgetown	58 00
220	Zeredatha, Uxbridge	40 15
221	Mountain, Thorold	97 25
222	Mormora, Marmora	57 25
223	Norwood, Norwood	85 50
224	Zurich, Hensall	69 00
225	Bernard, Listowel	63 75
228	Prince Arthur, Odessa	35 50
229	Ionic, Brampton	79 75
230	Kerr, Barrie	119 50
231	Fidelity, Ottawa	172 00
232	Cameron, Dutton	65 25
233	Doric, Parkhill	67 25
234	Beaver, Clarksburg	27 75
235	Aldworth, Paisley	25 50
236	Manitoba, Cookstown	41 50
237	Vienna, Vienna	45 50
238	Havelock, Watford	79 00
239	Tweed, Tweed	77 00
242	Macoy, Mallorytown	48 25
243	St. George, St. George	50 25
245	Tecumseh, Thamesville	37 00
247	Ashlar, Toronto	216 25
249	Caledonia, Midland	125 00
250	Thistle, Embro	47 50
253	Minden, Kingston	89 50
254	Clifton, Niagara Falls	233 00
255	Sydenham, Dresden	1 00
256	Farran's Point, Aultsville	188 75
257	Galt, Galt	120 25
258	Guelph, Guelph	85 25
259	Springfield, Springfield	57 25
260	Washington, Petrolia	110 25
261	Oak Branch, Innerkip	20 00
262	Harriston, Harriston	60 25
263	Forest, Forest	66 50
264	Chaudiere. Ottawa	185 00
265	Patterson, Thornhill	37 75
266	Northern Light, Stayner	12 75
267	Parthenon, Chatham	203 25
268	Verulam, Bobcaygeon	61 75
269	Brougham Union, Claremont	128 00
270	Cedar, Oshawa	51 00
271	Wellington, Erin	45 50
272	Seymour, Ancaster	84 25

274	Kent, Blenheim	86 00
276	Teeswater, Teeswater	24 50
277	Seymour, Port Dalhousie	38 25
279	New Hope, Hespeler	76 25
282	Lorne, Glencoe	29 50
283	Eureka, Belleville	84 75
284	St. John's, Brussels	82 75
285	Seven Star, Alliston	56 50
286	Wingham, Wingham	67 75
287	Shuniah, Port Arthur	251 10
289	Doric, Lobo	38 50
290	Leamington, Leamington	143 25
291	Dufferin, West Flamboro	122 50
292	Robertson, King	31 25
294	Moore, Courtright	34 00
295	Conestogo, Drayton	78 50
296	Temple, St. Catharines	74 50
297	Preston, Preston	47 85
299	Victoria, Centreville	33 75
300	Mount Olivet, Thorndale	37 00
302	St. David's, St. Thomas	164 75
303	Blyth, Blyth	31 50
304	Minerva, Stroud	66 00
305	Humber, Weston	52 00
306	Durham, Durham	30 25
307	Arkona, Arkona	32 25
309	Morning Star, Carlow	57 50
311	Blackwood, Woodbridge	55 50
312	Pnyx, Wallaceburg	63 00
313	Clementi, Lakefield	63 50
314	Blair, Palmerston	70 50
315	Clifford, Clifford	37 75
316	Doric, Toronto	276 75
318	Wilmot, Baden	9 75
319	Hiram(Hagersville	87 25
320	Chester, Chesterville	74 00
321	Walker, Acton	41 00
322	North Star, Owen Sound	110 50
323	Alvinston, Alvinston	45 85
324	Temple, Hamilton	207 00
325	Orono, Orono	29 50
326	Zetland, Toronto	333 75
327	Hammond, Wardsville	15 00
328	Ionic, Napier	40 75
329	King Solomon's, Jarvis	45 50
330	Corinthian, London	177 25
331	Fordwich, Fordwich	19 50
332	Stratford, Stratford	154 25
333	Prince Arthur, Flesherton	40 00
334	Prince Arthur, Arthur	50 25
336	Highgate, Highgate	18 75
337	Myrtle, Port Robinson	30 75
338	Dufferin, Wellandport	62 50
339	Orient, Toronto	183 00

341	Bruce, Tiverton	95 25
343	Georgina, Toronto	279 75
344	Merrill, Dorchester Station	38 00
345	Nilestown, Nilestown	39 50
346	Occident, Toronto	334 25
347	Mercer, Fergus	37 75
348	Georgian, Penetang	81 50
352	Granite, Parry Sound	89 50
354	Brock, Cannington	71 00
356	River Park, Streetsville	54 75
357	Waterdown, Millgrove	77 85
358	Delaware Valley, Delaware	26 75
359	Vittoria, Vittoria	30 75
360	Muskoka, Bracebridge	73 50
361	Waverley, Guelph	151 50
362	Maple Leaf, Tara	35 00
364	Dufferin, Melbourne	
367	St. George, Toronto	359 25
368	Salem, Brockville	156 25
369	Mimico, Lambton Mills	113 75
370	Harmony, Delta	58 50
371	Prince of Wales, Ottawa	95 50
372	Palmer Bridgeburg	58 75
373	Copestone, Welland	54 75
374	Keene, Keene	20 00
375	Lorne, Omemee	32 25
376	Unity, Huntsville	89 50
377	Lorne, Shelburne	61 25
378	King Solomon's, London West	147 25
379	Middlesex, Bryanston	23 50
380	Union, London	130 75
382	Doric, Hamilton	248 75
383	Henderson, W. Winchester	61 25
384	Alpha, Toronto	302 50
385	Spry, Beeton	75 80
386	McColl, West Lorne	59 75
387	Lansdowne, Lansdowne	55 50
388	Henderson, Ilderton	
389	Crystal Fountain, N. Augusta	22 25
390	Florence, Florence	57 75
391	Howard, Ridgetown	84 85
392	Huron, Camlachie	43 25
393	Forest, Chesley	30 50
394	King Solomon's, Thamesford	56 75
395	Parvaim, Comber	42 50
396	Cedar, Wiarton	77 75
397	Leopold, Brigden	33 50
398	Victoria, Kirkfield	
399	Moffat, Harrietsville	50 50
400	Oakville, Oakville	39 75
401	Craig, Deseronto	55 75
402	Central, Essex	58 00
403	Windsor, Windsor	212 60
404	Lorne, Tamworth	59 00

405	Mattawa, Mattawa	65 75
406	Spry, Fenelon Falls	55 50
408	Murray, Beaverton	34 00
409	Golden Rule, Gravenhurst	58 75
410	Zeta, Toronto	254 75
411	Rodney, Rodney	15 00
412	Keystone, Sault Ste. Marie	175 00
413	Napthali, Tilbury	
414	Pequonga, Kenora	166 50
415	Fort William, Fort William	136 25
416	Lyn, Lyn	23 75
417	Keewatin, Keewatin	58 75
418	Maxvile, Maxville	58 25
419	Bismarck, Point Edward	53 75
420	Nipissing, North Bay	138 25
421	Scott, Grand Valley	57 75
422	Star of the East, Bothwell	66 75
423	Strong, Sundridge	38 00
424	Doric, Pickering	26 00
425	St. Clair, Sombra	43 25
426	Stanley, Toronto	202 25
427	Nickel, Sudbury	108 00
428	Fidelity, Port Perry	86 50
429	Port Elgin, Port Elgin	50 75
430	Acacia, Toronto	104 80
431	Maravian, Eden Grove	34 00
432	Hanover, Hanover	58 75
433	Bonnechere, Eganville	52 00
434	Algonquin, Emsdale	74 00
435	Havelock, Havelock	83 50
436	Burns, Hepworth	19 25
437	Tuscan, Sarnia	116 25
438	Harmony, Toronto	285 00
439	Alexandria, Alexandria	102 00
440	Acacia, Minden	41 50
441	Westport, Westport	40 75
442	Dyment, Thessalon	69 00
443	Powassen, Powassen	61 25
444	Nitetis, Creemore	59 00
445	Lake of the Woods, Kenora	33 25
446	Granite, Fort Francis	56 25
447	Sturgeon Falls, Sturgeon Falls	77 75
448	Xenophon, Wheatley	55 25
449	Dundalk, Dundalk	35 75
450	Hawkesbury, Hawkesbury	85 50
451	Kinmount, Somerville	48 00
452	Avomore, Avonmore	33 00
453	Royal, Fort William	83 00
454	Corona, Burk's Falls	44 00
455	Doric, Little Current	73 75
456	Elma, Monkton	29 25
457	Century, Merlin	52 25
458	Wales, Wales	51 75
459	Cobden, Cobden	92 00

460	Rideau, Seeley's Bay	33 00
461	Ionic, Rainy River	122 10
462	Temiscaming, New Liskeard	130 75
463	North Entrance, Haliburton	29 75
464	King Edward, Sunderland	63 75
465	Carleton, Carp	38 25
466	Coronation, Elmvale	53 50
467	Tottenham, Tottenham	
468	Peel, Caledon East	44 25
469	Algoma, Sault Ste. Marie	90 75
470	Victoria, Victoria Harbor	54 00
471	King Edward VII., Chippawa	30 00
472	Gore Bay, Gore Bay	57 25
473	Beaches	118 50
474	Victoria, Toronto	149 25
475	Dundurn, Hamilton	121 50
476	Corinthian, North Goower	34 25
477	Harding, Woodville	36 50
478	Milverton, Milverton	34 50
479	Russell, Russell	38 25
480	Williamsburg, N. Williamsburg	20 75
481	Corinthian, Toronto	67 75
482	Bancroft, Bancroft	66 00
483	Granton, Granton	55 25
484	Golden Star, Dryden	84 25
485	Haileybury, Haileybury	123 75
486	Silver, Cobalt	110 75
487	Penewobikong, Blind River	44 50
488	King Edward, Harrow	72 55
489	Osiris, Smith's Falls	65 75
490	Hiram, Markdale	43 80
U.D.	St. Andrew's, Arden	29 75
U.D.	Cardinal, Cardinal	49 25
U.D.	Karnak, Coldwater	64 25
U.D.	St. Mary's, St. Mary's	
U.D.	Riverdale, Toronto	214 75
U.D.	Electric, Hamilton	70 50
	Total receipts from Lodges	$35,732 65
	Sundries	618 80
	Interest	4,355 94
	Debentures redeemed	25,924 61
		$67,132 00

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE

Year Ending May 31st 1910.

Salary of Grand Treasurer, E. T. Malone, to 31st March, 1910	$ 200 00
Salary of Grand Secretary, R. L. Gunn, to 31st March 1910	2,000 00
Salary of Auditor, H. Vigeon, to 31st March, 1910	300 00
J. P. Muir, former chief clerk, superannuation to May 31st, 1910	800 00
Thomas Pedler, chief clerk, salary to May 31st, 1910	800 00
J. Place, stenographer, salary to May 31st, 1910	720 00
F. J. Brown, clerk, salary to May 31st, 1910	600 00
Incidental expenses, Grand Secretary's Office	845 24
Printing and stationery	2,169 28
Certificates and warrants	1,044 40
Telephone service	57 00
Insurance on furniture, books, regalia and bond of Grand Secretary	95 50
Safety Deposit Box rental, Toronto General Trusts Corporation	25 00
Office Rent, Hamilton Masonic Hall Association	460 00
Office fuel	74 25
Office "follow-up filing tray"	14 50
Repairs to regalia	23 80
Postage on Proceedings	208 68
Postage of D.G.M. and Chairmen of Committees	46 54
Floral tribute to the late M.W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson	20 00
Expenses of Grand Lodge and Board of General Purposes at London	1,345 05
Expenses of Commissions	240 30
Expenses of delegations	195 25
Expenses of Committees on Ballot and investments	94 20
Masonic Relief Association, membership fee, one year	219 54
Inspection of Benevolent Grants	1,000 00
Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, H. Robertson	150 00
Balance of travelling expenses of M.W. Bro. A. T. Freed, G. M.	144 70
Travelling expenses, on account, M.W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, G. M.	700 00
Stenographer for Grand Master	100 00
Testimonial to M.W. Bro. A. T. Freed, P.G.M.	300 00
Accrued Interest, City of Strathcona debentures	54 90
Accrued Interest, City of New Westminster debentures	70 70
Accrued Interest, City of New Westminster debentures	67 70
	15,186 53
Grants for Benevolence	24,124 00
Investments	26,176 00
	$65,486 53

PAYMENTS TO GRAND TREASURER

1909					
June	17	Deposit	$ 353 20		
"	25	"	1,079 25		
"	29	"	3,293 30		
"	30	"	355 05		
				$ 5,080 80	
July	2	Deposit	$ 982 08		
"	5	"	3,524 00		
"	7	"	2,018 90		
"	9	"	1,445 90		
"	14	"	1,854 30		
"	17	"	1,356 00		
"	17	"	60 00		
"	27	"	1,668 25		
"	31	"	219 15		
				13,128 58	
Aug	18	Deposit	$ 357 75		
"	31	"	114 45		
"	31	"	25 00		
				497 20	
Sept.	20	Deposit	735 82		
"	20	"	512 65		
"	30	"	193 80		
				1,442 27	
Oct.	1	Deposit	$ 160 00		
"	1	"	22 00		
"	9	"	210 50		
"	16	"	129 00		
"	23	"	109 75		
"	30	"	31 00		
				662 25	
Nov.	6	Deposit	$ 734 37		
"	6	"	48 10		
"	13	"	223 50		
"	20	"	112 30		
"	27	"	580 32		
"	27	"	364 96		
"	30	"	109 50		
"	30	"	133 39		
				2,306 44	
Dec.	28	Deposit	$1,030 60		
"	31	"	1,656 30		
				2,686 90	
1910					
Jan.	3	Deposit	$ 616 13		
"	5	"	1,329 25		
"	10	"	1,456 10		
"	13	"	1,077 30		
"	22	"	2,448 20		
"	22	"	60 00		
"	31	"	1,348 50		
				8,335 48	

Feb.	8	Deposit	$1,031 25		
"	8	"	25 00		
"	11	"	566 00		
"	17	"	462 25		
"	28	"	700 25		
					2,784 75
Mar.	8	Deposit	$ 490 95		
"	16	"	622 25		
"	22	"	432 50		
"	31	"	707 60		
					2,253 30
Apr.	11	Deposit	$ 436 15		
"	11	"	376 00		
"	21	"	432 50		
"	30	"	265 00		
					1,509 65
May	2	Deposit	25,734 37		
"	16	"	395 25		
"	31	"	181 80		
"	31	"	132 96		
					26,444 38
					$67,132 00

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS ON CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Contributions from lodges, per detailed statement annexed	$18,263 58
Debenture matured, Town of Berlin	44 24

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS ON REVENUE ACCOUNT

Interest on investments and bank account per detailed statement annexed	2,586 98
Refunds of unexpended grants	97 66
	$20,992 46

PAYMENTS TO GRAND TREASURER

1909			
June	15	$	506 46
"	25		585 77
"	30		216 50
July	7		1,388 25
"	14		272 00
"	17		514 00
"	27		725 10
"	31		3 00
Aug.	19		219 00
Sept.	20		326 00
"	29		77 00
Oct.	9		502 00
"	16		203 00

"	23	97 50
"	30	100 00
Nov.	6	679 50
"	13	50 00
"	20	42 00
"	27	223 78
"	30	110 00
"	30	31 93
Dec.	1	237 24
"	9	274 00
"	31	593 66
1910		
Jan.	3	468 00
"	22	665 50
"	31	359 00
Feb.	8	345 00
"	17	395 50
"	28	463 50
Mar.	11	264 00
"	22	1,209 00
"	31	497 00
Apr.	12	430 75
"	21	649 37
"	30	455 00
May	2	131 50
"	13	853 70
"	19	697 10
"	25	782 65
"	30	1,243 50
"	31	2,418 03
"	31	654 00
"	31	32 67
		$20,992 46

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND.

Details of Contributions Received from Lodges to May 31, 1910.

(Lodges marked with a star have contributed the full amount asked for, or more).

No.	Name of Lodge	Location.	Quota based on membership, G. L. Pro., 1904	Contributions for year ended May 31. 1910	Aggregate contributions to May 31, 1910
2	Niagara	Niagara	$ 195 00	.....	60 00
3	Ancient St. John's	Kingston	465 00	110 00	279 75
5	Sussex	Brockville	561 00	.....	290 00
*6	Barton	Hamilton	924 00	.....	1105 80
*7	Union	Grimsby	222 00	127 00	222 00
9	Union	Napanee	309 00	16 50	202 50
*10	Norfolk	Simcoe	330 00	46 00	332 00
*11	Moira	Belleville	513 00	502 00	513 12
14	True Britons	Perth	273 00	.....	10 00
15	St. George's	St. Catharines	312 00	.....	20 00
*16	St. Andrew's	Toronto	930 00	569 60	935 60
17	St. John's	Cobourg	255 00	.....	13 00
18	Prince Edward	Picton	663 00	89 50	339 00
*20	St. John's	London	438 00	231 53	438 00
21a	St. John's	Vankleek Hill	213 00	.....	56 00
*22	King Solomon's	Toronto	693 00	.....	693 00
*23	Richmond	Richmond Hill	114 00	35 25	114 00
*24	St. Francis	Smith's Falls	390 00	.....	392 50
*25	Ionic	Toronto	735 00	.....	1146 59
26	Ontario	Port Hope	330 00	.....	271 90
*27	Strict Observance	Hamilton	1023 00	.....	1041 15
28	Mount Zion	Kemptville	141 00	.....	47 00
*29	United	Brighton	303 00	278 00	303 00
*30	Composite	Whitby	219 00	55 45	232 00
*31	Jerusalem	Bowmanville	228 00	21 00	228 00
32	Amity	Dunnville	282 00	110 00	130 00
33	Maitland	Goderich	381 00	.....	100 14
34	Thistle	Amherstburg	192 00	33 00	106 00
*35	St. John's	Cayuga	186 00	102 00	186 00
*37	King Hiram	Ingersoll	252 00	63 00	263 00
*38	Trent	Trenton	270 00	124 00	294 00
*39	Mount Zion	Brooklin	78 00	55 00	78 00
*40	St. John's	Hamilton	1143 00	.....	1201 00
41	St. George's	Kingsville	297 00	.....	29 00
42	St. George's	London	261 00	130 50	207 50
43	King Solomon's	Woodstock	366 00	100 00	174 00
44	St. Thomas	St. Thomas	597 00	95 00	278 00
45	Brant	Brantford	531 00	.....	185 00
46	Wellington	Chatham	483 00	183 00	271 00
47	Great Western	Windsor	726 00	387 50	577 50
48	Madoc	Madoc	321 00	.....	10 00

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND—Continued

No.	Name of Lodge	Location.	Quota based on membership, G. L. Pro., 1904	Contributions for year ended May 31. 1910	Aggregate contributions to May 31. 1910
*50	Consecon	Consecon	120 00	120 00	120 00
*52	Dalhousie	Ottawa	456 00	29 00	625 00
*54	Vaughan	Maple	114 00	73 00	114 00
55	Merrickville	Merrickville	237 00	57 50	97 50
*56	Victoria	Sarnia	537 00	106 00	537 00
57	Harmony	Binbrook	168 00	.....	45 00
*58	Doric	Ottawa	348 00	.....	418 00
*61	Acacia	Hamilton	939 00	.....	1120 05
*62	St. Andrew's	Caledonia	138 00	.....	155 00
*63	St. John's	Carleton Place	450 00	147 00	451 00
64	Kilwinning	London	552 00	.....	101 00
65	Rehoboam	Toronto	819 00	282 00	456 00
66	Durham	Newcastle	60 00	.....	28 00
68	St. John's	Ingersoll	243 00	25 00	34 00
69	Stirling	Stirling	201 00	62 00	74 00
72	Alma	Galt	363 00	324 00	324 00
73	St. James'	St. Mary's	231 00	81 00	81 00
*74	St. James'	South Augusta	165 00	60 00	165 00
75	St. John's	Toronto	618 00	24 00	475 00
76	Oxford	Woodstock	405 00	46 50	152 00
*77	Faithful Brethren	Lindsay	351 00	9 00	352 00
78	King Hiram	Tillsonburg	399 00	.....	.....
79	Simcoe	Bradford	201 00	.....	.....
81	St. John's	Mt. Brydges	177 00	75 00	75 00
82	St. John's	Paris	186 00	.....	32 00
83	Beaver	Strathroy	279 00	50 00	125 00
84	Clinton	Clinton	204 00	.....	.....
85	Rising Sun	Athens	180 00	.....	.....
*86	Wilson	Toronto	603 00	126 00	660 00
87	Markham Union	Markham	141 00	32 00	108 00
*88	St. George's	Owen Sound	405 00	18 00	405 00
90	Manito	Collingwood	465 00	203 00	203 00
*91	Colborne	Colborne	246 00	.....	271 00
*92	Cataraqui	Kingston	438 00	145 00	438 00
*93	Northern Light	Kincardine	258 00	15 00	258 00
94	St. Mark's	Port Stanley	132 00	.....	53 00
*96	Corinthian	Barrie	510 00	.....	510 00
97	Sharon	Queensville	159 00	10 00	130 00
98	True Blue	Bolton	183 00	50 00	56 50
99	Tuscan	Newmarket	204 00	.....	.....
100	Valley	Dundas	294 00	.....	179 00
*101	Corinthian	Peterboro	363 00	.....	363 00
*103	Maple Leaf	St. Catharines	423 00	400 00	423 00
104	St. John's	Norwich	231 00	18 00	185 00
105	St. Mark's	Niagara Falls	258 00	21 75	179 75
106	Burford	Burford	213 00	.....	.....

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND—Continued

No.	Name of Lodge	Location.	Quota based on membership, G. L Pro., 1904	Contributions for year ended May 31. 1910	Aggregate contributions to May 31, 1910
107	St. Paul's	Lambeth	204 00	.....	27 05
108	Blenheim	Princeton	87 00	.....	47 00
109	Albion	Harrowsmith	198 00	42 00	116 00
*110	Central	Prescott	312 00	36 00	312 00
*113	Wilson	Waterford	303 00	42 50	331 50
114	Hope	Port Hope	288 00	.....	106 00
115	Ivy	Beamsville	267 00	.....	62 25
116	Cassia	Thedford	111 00	10 00	37 00
*118	Union	Schomberg	57 00	75 00	90 00
*119	Maple Leaf	Bath	123 00	.....	158 00
120	Warren	Fingal	150 00	3 00	33 00
*121	Doric	Brantford	735 00	618 00	940 00
*122	Renfrew	Renfrew	351 00	218 00	351 00
*123	Belleville	Belleville	435 00	404 00	435 00
125	Cornwall	Cornwall	303 00	.....	89 00
126	Golden Rule	Campbellford	123 00	.....	50 00
127	Franck	Frankford	261 00	8 00	90 00
128	Pembroke	Pembroke	426 00	.....	387 00
129	Rising Sun	Aurora	198 00	.....	180 00
131	St. Lawrence	Southampton	195 00	.....	64 00
*133	Lebanon Forest	Exeter	249 00	.....	249 00
135	St. Clair	Milton	228 00	.....	25 00
136	Richardson	Stouffville	159 00	.....	45 00
*137	Pythagoras	Meaford	273 00	.....	279 00
*139	Lebanon	Oshawa	204 00	54 00	204 00
140	Malahide	Aylmer	315 00	5 00	166 00
141	Tudor	Mitchell	135 00	.....	95 00
142	Excelsior	Morrisburg	201 00	.....	3 00
*143	Friendly Brothers	Iroquois	282 00	177 00	282 00
*144	Tecumseh	Stratford	408 00	408 00	408 00
145	J. B. Hall	Millbrook	150 00	.....	67 50
146	Prince of Wales	Newburgh	138 00	11 00	38 00
147	Mississippi	Almonte	246 00	11 00	170 00
148	Civil Service	Ottawa	294 00	.....	195 00
149	Erie	Port Dover	171 00	6 00	35 00
151	Grand River	Berlin	381 00	111 00	181 00
153	Burns	Wyoming	258 00	60 00	60 00
154	Irving	Lucan	231 00	100 00	100 00
*155	Peterboro	Peterboro'	549 00	6 00	582 50
156	York	North Toronto	291 00	.....	119 00
157	Simpson	Newboro'	195 00	.....	12 00
158	Alexandra	Oil Springs	183 00	.....	48 50
*159	Goodwood	Richmond	198 00	54 00	198 00
161	Percy	Warkworth	216 00	.....	51 00
162	Forest	Wroxeter	114 00	20 00	20 00
164	Star in the East	Wellington	231 00	.....	108 00

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND—Continued

No.	Name of Lodge	Location.	Quota based on membership, G. L. Pro., 1904	Contributions for year ended May 31. 1910	Aggregate contributions to May 31. 1910
*165	Burlington	Burlington	243 00	.....	243 00
166	Wentworth	Stoney Creek	303 00	.....	53 00
*168	Merritt	Welland	246 00	178 00	246 00
*169	Macnab	Port Colborne	183 00	9 00	183 00
170	Britannia	Seaforth	273 00	35 50	91 50
171	Prince of Wales	Lawrence Station	141 00	.....	9 50
172	Ayr	Ayr	75 00	.....	14 00
174	Walsingham	Port Rowan	168 00	.....	25 00
177	Builders	Ottawa	483 00	112 00	341 00
178	Plattsville	Plattsville	117 00	.....	3 00
*180	Speed	Guelph	219 00	56 00	219 60
181	Oriental	Port Burwell	99 00	.....	.....
184	Old Light	Lucknow	246 00	121 00	121 00
185	Enniskillen	York	87 00	33 00	33 00
*186	Plantagenet	Plantagenet	117 00	74 00	126 00
190	Belmont	Belmont	132 00	38 50	38 50
*192	Orillia	Orillia	405 00	10 00	405 00
193	Scotland	Scotland	195 00	51 00	65 00
194	Petrolia	Petrolia	228 00	.....	3 00
*195	Tuscan	London	228 00	172 00	240 00
*196	Madawaska	Arnprior	291 00	.....	300 00
197	Saugeen	Walkerton	165 00	16 00	103 00
200	St. Alban's	Mount Forest	186 00	.....	66 00
*201	Leeds	Gananoque	375 00	74 50	375 00
*203	Irving	Elora	159 00	109 00	159 00
205	New Dominion	New Hamburg	108 00	1 00	71 00
207	Lancaster	Lancaster	189 00	24 00	24 00
209a	St. John's	London	732 00	87 00	345 50
209	Evergreen	Lanark	150 00	.....	.....
212	Elysian	Garden Island	57 00	.....	16 00
215	Lake	Ameliasburg	174 00	.....	.....
216	Harris	Orangeville	426 00	.....	196 00
217	Frederick	Delhi	186 00	.....	1 00
218	Stevenson	Toronto	555 00	.....	97 00
219	Credit	Georgetown	252 00	17 00	143 00
220	Zeredathà	Uxbridge	249 00	7 00	34 00
221	Mountain	Thorold	249 00	.....	55 00
222	Marmora	Marmora	237 00	.....	72 00
*223	Norwood	Norwood	213 00	13 00	213 00
224	Zurich	Hensall	174 00	.....	.....
225	Bernard	Listowel	267 00	29 00	73 00
*228	Prince Arthur	Odessa	117 00	.....	119 00
*229	Ionic	Brampton	228 00	37 00	228 00
230	Kerr	Barrie	309 00	3 00	57 00
*231	Fidelity	Ottawa	399 00	.....	401 00
232	Cameron	Dutton	183 00	.....	13 00

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND—Continued

No.	Name of Lodge	Location	Quota based on membership, G. L. Pro., 1904	Contributions for year ended May 31, 1910	Aggregate contributions to May 31, 1910
233	Doric	Parkhill	150 00	47 00	47 00
234	Beaver	Clarksburg	198 00	16 00	151 00
235	Aldworth	Paisley	138 00	.....	35 00
*236	Manitoba	Cookstown	150 00	.....	154 00
237	Vienna	Vienna	165 00	.....	53 00
238	Havelock	Watford	207 00	.....	.....
239	Tweed	Tweed	201 00	.....	.....
242	Macoy	Mallorytown	213 00	56 00	169 00
243	St. George	St. George	183 00	.....	53 00
245	Tecumseh	Thamesville	174 00	.....	57 00
*247	Ashlar	Toronto	831 00	.....	850 00
249	Caledonian	Midland	369 00	.....	271 50
250	Thistle	Embro	78 00	.....	.....
253	Minden	Kingston	246 00	124 00	209 00
254	Clifton	Niagara Falls	384 00	150 00	172 70
255	Sydenham	Dresden	177 00	.....	10 00
256	Farran's Point	Aultsville	180 00	.....	42 00
257	Galt	Galt	360 00	.....	279 00
*258	Guelph	Guelph	258 00	.....	261 00
*259	Springfield	Springfield	54 00	.....	154 00
260	Washington	Petrolia	258 00	.....	28 00
261	Oak Branch	Innerkip	75 00	.....	30 00
262	Harriston	Harriston	261 00	.....	32 00
263	Forest	Forest	207 00	84 00	145 00
*264	Chaudiere	Ottawa	357 00	213 00	371 00
*265	Patterson	Thornhill	132 00	95 00	132 00
*266	Northern Light	Stayner	60 00	34 00	67 00
267	Parthenon	Chatham	282 00	.....	48 67
268	Verulam	Bobcaygeon	105 00	.....	50 00
269	Brougham Union	Claremont	147 00	.....	3 00
*270	Cedar	Oshawa	207 00	23 00	208 00
271	Wellington	Erin	144 00	.....	39 50
272	Seymour	Ancaster	234 00	.....	77 00
274	Kent	Blenheim	198 00	.....	1 00
276	Teeswater	Teeswater	78 00	.....	24 00
*277	Seymour	Port Dalhousie	129 00	91 00	129 00
279	New Hope	Hespeler	168 00	15 00	136 00
*282	Lorne	Glencoe	165 00	31 00	165 00
*283	Eureka	Belleville	201 00	160 00	201 00
284	St. John's	Bruessels	174 00	.....	.....
285	Seven Star	Alliston	189 00	.....	28 00
286	Wingham	Wingham	246 00	.....	237 00
287	Shuniah	Port Arthur	381 00	114 00	160 00
289	Doric	Lobo	120 00	.....	31 00
290	Leamington	Leamington	321 00	75 00	139 85
291	Dufferin	West Flamboro'	207 00	.....	30 00

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND—Continued

No.	Name of Lodge	Location	Quota based on membership, G. L. Pro., 1904	Contributions for year ended May 31, 1910	Aggregate contributions to May 31, 1910
*292	Robertson	King	117 00	95 00	117 00
294	Moore	Courtright	99 00	.....	35 00
295	Conestogo	Drayton	144 00	.....	109 00
*296	Temple	St. Catharines	174 00	120 00	174 00
*297	Preston	Preston	135 00	.....	148 00
299	Victoria	Centreville	96 00	.....	17 00
300	Mount Olivet	Thorndale	96 00	.....	92 00
302	St. David's	St. Thomas	555 00	.....	123 00
303	Blyth	Blyth	168 00	.....	50 00
*304	Minerva	Stroud	135 00	57 00	135 00
305	Humber	Weston	183 00	.....	81 00
*306	Durham	Durham	147 00	103 00	174 00
307	Arkona	Arkona	111 00	17 00	26 00
309	Morning Star	Carlow	150 00	.....	.....
311	Blackwood	Woodbridge	120 00	50 00	50 00
312	Pnyx	Wallaceburg	258 00	.....	181 00
313	Clementi	Lakefield	183 00	.....	79 00
314	Blair	Palmerston	159 00	50 00	101 00
*315	Clifford	Clifford	84 00	.....	84 00
*316	Doric	Toronto	786 00	701 00	786 00
318	Wilmot	Baden	105 00	.....	26 00
319	Hiram	Hagersville	108 00	50 00	50 00
320	Chesterville	Chesterville	255 00	.....	48 00
321	Walker	Acton	150 00	.....	64 50
*322	North Star	Owen Sound	357 00	.....	363 00
323	Alvinston	Alvinston	180 00	3 00	63 25
*324	Temple	Hamilton	906 00	623 00	906 00
325	Orono	Orono	105 00	.....	99 00
*326	Zetland	Toronto	1236 00	.....	1301 50
327	Hammond	Wardsville	66 00	.....	21 00
328	Ionic	Napier	117 00	10 00	33 00
329	King Solomon	Jarvis	162 00	.....	19 00
330	Corinthian	London	324 00	27 00	133 00
331	Fordwich	Fordwich	114 00	.....	58 00
*332	Stratford	Stratford	495 00	213 00	495 00
*333	Prince Arthur	Flesherton	156 00	42 00	198 00
*334	Prince Arthur	Arthur	150 00	109 00	150 00
336	Highgate	Highgate	189 00	8 00	59 00
*337	Myrtle	Port Robinson	84 00	61 00	84 00
338	Dufferin	Wellandport	144 00	50 00	57 00
339	Orient	Toronto	747 00	.....	266 00
341	Bruce	Tiverton	117 00	.....	.....
343	Georgina	Toronto	714 00	70 13	534 70
344	Merrill	Dorchester Station	96 00	.....	34 00
*345	Nilestown	Nilestown	69 00	39 00	69 00
*346	Occident	Toronto	594 00	443 00	605 05

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No.	Name of Lodge	Location.	Quota based on membership, G. L. Pro., 1904	Contributions for year ended May 31. 1910	Aggregate contributions to May 31, 1910
*347	Mercer	Fergus	156 00	82 00	156 00
*348	Georgian	Penetanguishene	129 00	9 00	129 00
352	Granite	Parry Sound	279 00	75 00	176 00
*354	Brock	Cannington	186 00	.....	190 00
356	River Park	Streetsville	117 00	.....	36 00
*357	Waterdown	Millgrove	228 00	.....	228 00
358	Delaware Valley	Delaware	105 00	.....	4 50
359	Vittoria	Vittoria	123 00	.....	30 00
*360	Muskoka	Bracebridge	201 00	201 00	201 00
*361	Waverley	Guelph	390 00	.....	404 00
362	Maple Leaf	Tara	150 00	.....	119 00
364	Dufferin	Melbourne	78 00	.....	14 00
*367	St. George	Toronto	597 00	323 00	597 00
368	Salem	Brockville	342 00	16 00	67 00
*369	Mimico	Lambton Mills	237 00	114 00	237 00
370	Harmony	Delta	180 00	.....	.....
371	Prince of Wales	Ottawa	267 00	75 00	211 00
*372	Palmer	Bridgeburg	225 00	66 00	228 00
373	Copestone	Welland	186 00	62 00	62 00
*374	Keene	Keene	93 00	68 00	93 00
375	Lorne	Omemee	93 00	.....	.....
376	Unity	Huntsville	270 00	57 00	119 00
377	Lorne	Shelburne	189 00	66 00	106 00
378	King Solomon	London	297 00	91 00	140 00
379	Middlesex	Bryanston	90 00	.....	.....
380	Union	London	435 00	34 00	165 00
*382	Doric	Hamilton	666 00	.....	666 00
383	Henderson	West Winchester	204 00	22 00	54 00
*384	Alpha	Toronto	780 00	424 25	781 00
385	Spry	Beeton	177 00	.....	61 50
386	McColl	West Lorne	186 00	.....	18 25
387	Lansdowne	Lansdowne	102 00	.....	14 00
388	Henderson	Ilderton	111 00	.....	.....
*389	Crystal Fountain	North Augusta	105 00	.....	126 00
390	Florence	Florence	72 00	.....	.....
391	Howard	Ridgetown	216 00	.....	73 00
392	Huron	Camlachie	165 00	6 00	53 00
393	Forest	Chesley	111 00	.....	108 00
394	King Solomon	Thamesford	195 00	.....	24 00
395	Parvaim	Comber	138 00	50	37 00
396	Cedar	Wiarton	291 00	.....	128 00
397	Leopold	Brigden	189 00	63 00	63 00
398	Victoria	Kirkfield	108 00	.....	33 00
399	Moffat	Harrietsville	63 00	.....	30 00
400	Oakville	Oakville	357 00	.....	171 86
401	Craig	Deseronto	168 00	9 00	47 00

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No.	Name of Lodge	Location	Quota based on membership, G. L. Pro., 1904	Contributions for year ended May 31, 1910	Aggregate contributions to May 31, 1910
402	Central	Essex	171 00	.....	46 00
*403	Windsor	Windsor	513 00	463 00	700 00
*404	Lorne	Tamworth	114 00	.....	155 00
*405	Mattawa	Mattawa	267 00	27 25	297 25
*406	Spry	Fenelon Falls	171 00	12 00	171 00
*408	Murray	Beaverton	138 00	47 00	138 00
409	Golden Rule	Gravenhurst	177 00	51 00	159 00
*410	Zeta	Toronto	480 00	.....	552 00
411	Rodney	Rodney	90 00	.....	3 00
*412	Keystone	Sault Ste Marie	588 00	.....	588 00
413	Napthali	Tilbury	309 00	.....	1 00
*414	Pequonga	Kenora	300 00	323 10	400 00
415	Fort William	Fort William	261 00	.....	53 00
416	Lyn	Lyn	111 00	24 00	46 00
417	Keewatin	Keewatin	180 00	.....	60 00
418	Maxville	Maxville	210 00	.....	.....
419	Bismarck	Point Edward	261 00	.....	42 00
*420	Nipissing	North Bay	330 00	.....	330 25
421	Scott	Grand Valley	246 00	.....	190 00
422	Star of the East	Bothwell	132 00	.....	.....
*423	Strong	Sundridge	159 00	.....	159 00
424	Doric	Pickering	114 00	.....	17 00
425	St. Clair	Sombra	180 00	23 00	23 00
426	Stanley	Toronto	651 00	19 00	264 00
*427	Nickel	Sudbury	378 00	.....	467 00
*428	Fidelity	Port Perry	252 00	204 00	252 00
429	Port Elgin	Port Elgin	150 00	.....	26 00
430	Acacia	Toronto	342 00	.....	80 25
431	Moravian	Eden Grove	144 00	.....	.....
432	Hanover	Hanover	141 00	.....	77 00
*433	Bonnechere	Eganville	132 00	.....	144 00
*434	Algonquin	Emsdale	159 00	123 00	159 00
*435	Havelock	Havelock	228 00	61 00	228 00
436	Burns	Hepworth	105 00	.....	.....
*437	Tuscan	Sarnia	303 00	30 00	303 00
438	Harmony	Toronto	747 00	156 00	516 00
439	Alexandria	Alexandria	135 00	.....	.....
*440	Arcadia	Minden	132 00	10 00	163 50
441	Westport	Westport	105 00	.....	20 00
*442	Dyment	Thessalon	204 00	88 50	209 50
443	Powassan	Powassan	108 00	.....	26 00
444	Nitetis	Creemore	141 00	25 00	25 00
445	Lake of the Woods	Kenora	87 00	.....	.....
446	Granite	Fort Francis	159 00	.....	150 25
*447	Sturgeon Falls	Sturgeon Falls	138 00	.....	138 00
448	Xenonphon	Wheatley	141 00	.....	9 00

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No.	Name of Lodge	Location.	Quota based on membership, G. L. Pro., 1904	Contributions for year ended May 31. 1910	Aggregate contributions to May 31. 1910
449	Dundalk	Dundalk	84 00	4 52	58 52
450	Hawkesbury	Hawkesbury	147 00	.....	18 00
451	Somerville	Kinmount	165 00	36 00	92 00
452	Avonmore	Avonmore	93 00	13 00	43 00
*453	Royal	Fort William	138 00	.....	138 00
454	Corona	Burk's Falls	96 00	.....	90 00
*455	Doric	Little Current	195 00	20 00	215 00
*456	Elma	Monkton	96 00	.....	96 00
457	Century	Merlin	39 00	.....	35 00
*458	Wales	Wales	141 00	3 00	141 00
459	Cobden	Cobden	111 00	.....	56 00
460	Rideau	Seeley's Bay	105 00	.....	40 00
*461	Ionic	Rainy River	93 00	.....	172 00
*462	Temiscaming	New Liskeard	96 00	.....	96 50
*463	North Entrance	Haliburton	81 00	48 00	106 00
464	King Edward	Sunderland	102 00	.....	17 00
465	Carleton	Carp	63 00	.....	25 00
*466	Coronation	Elmvale	81 00	.....	106 00
467	Tottenham	Tottenham	39 00	.....	15 00
468	Peel	Caledon East	63 00	14 00	54 00
*469	Algoma	Sault Ste Marie	66 00	.....	192 00
*470	Victoria	Victoria Harbor	42 00	.....	106 00
*471	King Edward VII	Chippawa	.....	.....	106 00
*472	Gore Bay	Gore Bay	.....	.....	48 00
*473	Beaches	Toronto	.....	.....	40 00
*474	Victoria	Toronto	.....	54 00	182 00
475	Dundurn	Hamilton	.....	.....	.....
*476	Corinthian	North Gower	.....	21 00	21 00
*477	Harding	Woodville	.....	48 00	48 00
478	Milverton	Milverton	.....	.....	.....
*479	Russell	Russell	.....	16 00	16 00
480	Williamsburg	North Williamsburg	.....	.....	.....
*481	Corinthian	Toronto	126 00	.....	174 00
482	Bancroft	Bancroft	.....	.....	.....
483	Granton	Granton	.....	.....	.....
*484	Golden Star	Dryden	.....	79 00	79 00
*485	Haileybury	Haileybury	.....	50 00	125 00
*486	Silver	Cobalt	.....	50 00	50 00
*487	Penewobikong	Blind River	.....	18 75	84 75
488	King Edward	Harrow	.....	.....	.....
*489	Osiris	Smith's Falls	.....	50 00	50 00
490	Hiram	Markdale	.....	.....	.....
*U.D.	St. Andrew's	Arden	.....	3 00	3 00
U.D.	Cardinal	Cardinal	.....	.....	.....
U.D.	Karnak	Coldwater	.....	.....	.....
U.D.	St. Mary's	St. Mary's	.....	.....	.....
*U.D.	Riverdale	Toronto	.....	54 00	54 00
U.D.	Electric	Hamilton	.....	.....	.....
	Sundry Contributions		.....	.....	177 83
			$98,342 00	$18,263 58	$67,850 68

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND

Revenue Account, Year Ending May 31st, 1910

RECEIPTS

Balance at credit, May 31st, 1909		$ 233 34
Interest on Investments—		
Berlin, Town of, debentures	$73 14	
Calgary, City of, debentures	90 00	
East Toronto, Town of, debentures	81 76	
Galt, Town of, debentures	80 00	
Ingersoll, Town of, debentures	40 00	
Kincardine, Town of, debentures	50 00	
North Vancouver, District of	67 50	
Oshawa, Town of, debentures	237 24	
Ottawa, City of, debentures	540 00	
Owen Sound, Town of, debentures	145 00	
Peterboro, City of, debentures	100 00	
St. Catharines, City of, debentures	212 80	
Saltfleet, Township of, debentures	200 00	
Sault Ste Marie, Town of, debentures	42 10	
Seaforth, Town of, debentures	200 00	
Toronto, City of, debentures	175 00	
Woodstock, City of, debentures	180 00	
Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, dividend	5 00	
Canadian Bank of Commerce, interest	64 60	
Sundry lodges, interest	2 84	
		2,586 98
Sundry grants refunded		97 66
		$2,917 98

DISBURSEMENTS

Accrued Interest on Debentures at Date of Purchase—		
Calgary, City of	$ 29 58	
North Vancouver, District of	35 61	
Ottawa, City of	2 82	
Sault Ste. Marie, Town of	38 91	
		$ 106 92
Grants for benevolence		2,650 00
Balance at credit, May 31st, 1910		161 06
		$2,917 98

Hamilton, June 15th, 1910.

R. Gurney

Grand Secretary.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I certify that the foregoing is a correct abstract, from the books of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary, of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Grand Lodge for the year ending May 31st, 1910.

HARRY VIGEON,
Chartered Accountant.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Appointments of Grand Representatives of Foreign Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge, have been made on the recommendation of the Grand Master as follows:

Grand Lodge of Connecticut, R. W. Bro. S. E. Cornell, Sarnia.

Grand Lodge of Minnesota, R. W. Bro. C. W. Haentschel, Haileybury.

Grand Lodge of South Carolina, R. W. Bro. J. C. Bartram, Ottawa.

Upon nomination by their respective Grand Masters, the following brethren have been appointed by the Grand Master to represent this Grand Lodge near their own Grand Bodies, viz.:

W. Bro. Gerald FitzGibbon, K. C., Dublin, Grand Lodge of Ireland.

R. W. Bro. Elias J. Jacoby, Indianapolis, Grand Lodge of Indiana.

Bro. John Ramsay, Valparaiso, Grand Lodge of Chile.

WARRANTS

In compliance with the resolution of Grand Lodge at the last Annual Communication, warrants have been granted to:

Penewobikong Lodge No. 487, Blind River.

King Edward Lodge, No. 488, Harrow.

Osiris Lodge, No. 489, Smith's Falls.

Hiram Lodge, No. 490, Markdale.

DISPENSATIONS.

Dispensations have been continued from the previous year to St. Andrew's Lodge, Arden.

Cardinal Lodge, Cardinal.

Karnak Lodge, Coldwater.

St. Mary's Lodge, St. Mary's

Riverdale Lodge, Toronto.

Electric Lodge, Hamilton.

Petitions for new lodges at Sutton, West Fort William, Dromore and Inwood, have been refused.

Dispensations for new lodges have been granted to:

King George V. Lodge, Coboconk, Ontario District No. 12.

University Lodge, Toronto, Toronto West District No. 11.

CONSECRATIONS

The following Lodges have been constituted and consecrated, viz:

Penewobikong Lodge No. 487, Blind River, by R. W. Bro. J. B. Wallace, D.D.G.M., on Monday, September 13th, 1909.

King Edward No. 488, Harrow, by R. W. Bro. J. C. Elliott, D.D.G.M., on Friday, October 12th, 1909.

Osiris Lodge, No. 489, Smith's Falls, by R. W. Bro. A. Langstaff, D.D.G.M., on Friday, October 1st, 1909.

Hiram Lodge, No. 490, Markdale, by R. W. Bro. W. A. Sneath, D.D.G.M., on Tuesday, October 26th, 1909.

DEDICATIONS

The following Lodges have been dedicated during the year, viz.:

Erie District No. 1.

King Edward, No. 488, Harrow, by R. W. Bro. J. C. Elliott, D.D.G.M., on Friday April 15th, 1910.

Star of the East No. 422, Bothwell, by R. W. Bro. J. C. Elliott, D.D.G.M., on Wednesday, May 18th, 1910.

St. Clair District No. 2.

St. Clair No. 425, Sombra, by R. W. Bro. J. H. Argue, D.D.G.M., on Tuesday, March 15th, 1910.

Ionic No. 328, Napier, by R. W. Bro. J. H. Argue, D.D.G.M., on Friday April 22nd, 1910.

Havelock, No. 238, Watford, by R. W. Bro. J. H. Argue, D.D.G.M., on Tuesday, April 19th, 1910.

Forest No. 263, Forest, by R. W. Bro. J. H. Argue, D.D.G.M., on Tuesday, May 3rd, 1910.

Cassia No. 116, Thedford, by R. W. Bro. J. H. Argue, D.D.G.M, on Thursday, May 19th, 1910.

Arkona, No. 307, Arkona, by R. W. Bro. J. H. Argue, D.D.G.M., on Thursday, May 19th, 1910.

Moore, No. 294, Courtright, by the M. W. the Grand Master, on Thursday, June 2nd, 1910.

Leopold, No. 397, Brigden, by the M. W. the Grand Master, on Wednesday, June 22nd, 1910.

London District No. 3.

St. Thomas Lodge No. 44 and St. David's Lodge No. 302, St. Thomas, by R. W. Bro. J. W. Wallace, D.D.G.M., on Tuesday, December 7th, 1909.

Wellington, District No. 7.

Preston No. 297, Preston, by R. W. Bro. D. W. Houston, D.D.G.M., on Friday, January 21st, 1910.

Clifford No. 315, Clifford, by R. W. Bro. D. W. Houston, D.D.G.M., on Monday, March 21st, 1910.

St. Albans No. 200, Mt. Forest, by R. W. Bro. D. W. Houston, D.D.G.M., on Wednesday, March 23rd, 1910.

Durham No. 306 Durham, by R. W. Bro. D. W. Houston, D.D.G.M. on Thursday, March 24th, 1910.

Prince Arthur No. 334, Arthur, by R. W. Bro. D. W. Houston, D.D.G.M., on Monday, March 28th, 1910.

Scott No. 421, Grand Valley, by R. W. Bro. D. W. Houston, D.D.G.M., on Wednesday, March 30th, 1910.

Blair No. 314, Palmerston, by R. W. Bro. D. W. Houston, D.D.G.M., on Friday, April 1st, 1910.

Harriston, No. 262, Harriston,by the M. W. the Grand Master, on Monday, May 23rd, 1910.

Irvine, No. 203, Elora, by R. W. Bro. D. W. Houston, D.D.G.M., on Friday, May 27th, 1910.

Niagara District No. 10.

St. John's No. 35, Cayuga, by R. W. Bro. J. E. Merriman, D.D.G.M., on Thursday, October 28th, 1909.

Enniskillen No. 185, York, by R. W. Bro. J. E. Merriman, D.D.G.M., on Friday, October 29th, 1909.

Ivy, No. 115, Beamsville, by R. W. Bro. J. E. Merriman, D.D.G. M., on Tuesday, November 23rd, 1909.

Union No. 7, Grimsby, by R. W. Bro. J. E. Merriman, D.D.G.M., Thursday, November 25th, 1909.

Dufferin No. 338, Wellandport, by R. W. Bro. J. E. Merriman, D.D.G.M., on Monday, December 20th, 1909.

Myrtle No. 337, Port Robinson, by R. W. Bro. J. E. Merriman, D.D.G.M., on Tuesday, December 21st, 1909.

Merritt No. 168, Welland, by R. W. Bro. J. E. Merriman, D.D.G.M., on Monday, January 10th, 1910.

Mountain No. 221, Thorold, by R. W. Bro. J. E. Merriman, D.D.G.M., on Wednesday, January 19th, 1910.

St. George's No. 15, Maple Leaf, No. 103 and Temple No. 296, St. Catharines, by the M. W. the Grand Master, on Thursday, January 20th, 1910.

St. Mark's No. 105, Niagara Falls S., by R.W. Bro. J. E. Merriman, D.D.G.M., on Tuesday, January 25th, 1910.

Seymour No. 277, Port Dalhousie, by R. W. Bro. J. E. Merriman, D.D.G.M., on Wednesday, February 23rd, 1910.

Niagara No. 2, Niagara, by M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, P. G. M., on Wednesday, March 9th, 1910.

Palmer No. 273, Bridgeburg, by R. W. Bro. J. E. Merrinam, D.D.G.M., on Tuesday, March 29th, 1910.

King Solomon's No. 329, Jarvis, by R. W. Bro. J. E. Merriman, D.D.G. M., on Tuesday, April 26th, 1910.

Amity No. 32, Dunnville, by R. W. Bro. J. E. Merriman, D.D.G.M., on Wednesday, April 27th, 1910.

Toronto West District No. 11.

York No. 156, North Toronto, by M. W. Bro. B. Allen, P.G.M., on Friday, September 17th, 1909.

Algoma District No. 17.

Granite No. 446, Fort Frances, by the M. W. the Grand Master, on Monday, August 30th, 1909.

Fort William, No. 415, Fort William, by the M. W. the Grand Master, on Tuesday, August 31st, 1909.

Nipissing District No. 18.

Dyment No. 442, Thessalon, by R. W. Bro. J. B. Wallace, D.D.G.M., on Wednesday, January 12th, 1910.

Penewobikong, No. 487, Blind River, by R. W. Bro. J. B. Wallace, D.D.G.M., on Thursday, January, 13th, 1910.

CORNER STONES.

Corner Stones have been laid with Masonic cereonies as follows:

The new Masonic Temple at Thorndale by the M. W. the Grand Master on Monday, Sept. 6th, 1909.

St. John's (Anglican) church, St. Thomas, by the M. W. the Grand Master on Thursday, October 4th, 1909.

BY-LAWS CONFIRMED BY THE M. W. THE GRAND MASTER.

	Date	No.	Lodge	Location.
1909	July	8—485	Haileybury	Haileybury.
"	July	9—169	MacNab	Port Colborne.
"	July	9— 85	Rising Sun	Athens.
"	Oct.	7— 81	St. John's	Mt. Brydges.
"	Oct.	13—322	North Star	Owen Sound
"	Nov.	2—486	Silver	Cobalt
"	Nov.	29—458	Wales	Wales.
"	Nov.	29—488	King Edward VII	Harrow.
"	Dec.	2—172	Ayr	Ayr.
"	Dec.	22—360	Muskoka	Bracebridge
"	Dec.	22—490	Hiram	Markdale.
1910	Jan.	28—343	Georgina	Toronto.
"	Apr.	9—147	Mississippi	Almonte.
"	Apr.	9—296	Temple	St. Cathraines.
"	Apr.	29—437	Tuscan	Sarnia.
"	May	2—265	Patterson	Thornhill.
"	May	10—489	Osiris	Smith's Falls.
"	May	28—157	Simpson	Newboro'.
"	June	10—295	Conestogo	Drayton.
"	June	17—100	Valley	Dundas.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS CONFIRMED BY THE M. W THE GRAND MASTER.

	Date	No.	Lodge	Location.
1909	July	8— 46	Wellington	Chatham.
"	July	15—166	Wentworth	Stoney Creek.
"	July	27— 14	True Britons	Perth.
"	July	28—382	Doric	Hamilton.
"	July	28—418	Maxville	Maxville.
"	Aug.	5—224	Zurich	Hensall.
"	Sept.	8—151	The Grand River	Berlin.
"	Sept.	15— 86	Wilson	Toronto
"	Oct.	7—410	Zeta	Toronto
"	Oct.	11—218	Stevenson	Toronto
"	Oct.	11— 88	St. George	Owen Sound.
"	Oct.	16—469	Algoma	Sault Ste. Marie.
"	Oct.	16—195	Tuscan	London.
"	Oct.	25— 57	Harmony	Binbrook.
"	Nov.	2—437	Tuscan	Sarnia.
"	Nov.	15—156	York	N. Toronto.
"	Nov.	29— 45	Brant	Brantford.
"	Dec.	8—274	Kent	Blenheim.
"	Dec.	8—388	Henderson	Ilderton.
"	Dec.	8—469	Algoma	Sault Ste. Marie.
"	Dec.	8—128	Pembroke	Pembroke.
"	Dec.	28—121	Doric	Brantford.

1910	Jan.	27—445	Lake of the Woods	Kenora.
"	Jan.	31— 87	Markham Union	Markham.
"	Feb.	4—316	Doric	Toronto.
"	Feb.	26—421	Scott	Grand Valley.
"	Mar.	3— 28	Mt. Zion	Kemptville.
"	Mar.	25—452	Avonmore	Avonmore.
"	Mar.	29—165	Burlington	Burlington.
"	Mar.	29—324	Temple	Hamilton.
"	Apr.	9— 64	Kilwinning	London.
"	Apr.	19— 46	Wellington	Chatham.
"	Apr.	28—127	Franck	Frankford.
"	Apr.	28—488	King Edward VII	Harrow.
"	May	2—330	Corinthian	London.
"	June	1— 22	King Solomon's	Toronto.
"	June	1— 90	Manito	Collingwood.
"	June	8—387	Lansdowne	Lansdowne.
"	June	8—369	Mimico	Lambton Mills.
"	June	14— 47	Great Western	Windsor.
"	June	14—107	St. Paul's	Lambeth.
"	June	24—409	Golden Rule	Gravenhurst.
"	June	29—469	Algoma	Sault Ste. Marie

LIST OF DISPENSATIONS ISSUED.

Date	No.	Lodge.	Location.	Purpose.
July 2, 1909	2	Niagara	Niagara	Divine service.
" 2, "	91	Colborne	Colborne	Divine service.
" 2, "	461	Ionic	Rainy River	Divine service.
" 2, "	219	Credit	Georgetown	Divine service.
" 3, "	186	Plantagenet	Plantagent	At home.
" 5, "	415	Fort William	Fort William	Excursion.
" 5, "	412	Keystone	Sault Ste. Marie.	To visit.
" 5, "	469	Algoma	Sault Ste. Marie.	To visit.
" 7, "	483	Granton	Granton	Divine service.
" 10, "	233	Doric	Parkhill	Divine service.
" 12, "	162	Forest	Wroxeter	To install.
" 13, "	76	Oxford	Woodstock	To initiate.
" 14, "	292	Robertson	King	Divine service.
" 17, "	368	Salem	Brockville	To raise within time.
" 19, "	65	Rehoboam	Toronto	Excursion.
" 22, "	161	Percy	Warkworth	Divine service.
" 27, "	120	Warren	Fingal	Divine service.
" 27, "	196	Madawaska	Arnprior	Divine service.
" 27, "	250	Thistle	Embro	Divine service.
" 28, "	286	Wingham	Wingham	To elect.
" 30, "	236	Manitoba	Cookstown	Divine service.
Aug. 6 "	268	Verulam	Bobcaygeon	Divine service.
" 12, "	304	Minerva	Stroud	Divine service.
" 24, "	272	Seymour	Ancaster	Divine service.
" 24, "	242	Macoy	Mallorytown	Excursion.

DISPENSATIONS—CONTINUED.

Date	No.	Lodge.	Location.	Purpose.
" 25, "	190	Belmont	Belmont	Divine service.
" 27, "	326	Zetland	Toronto	Special meeting.
" 27, "	437	Tuscan	Sarnia	Divine service.
Sept. 2, "	482	Bancroft	Bancroft	To elect.
" 2, "	456	Elma	Monkton	Divine service.
" 7, "	469	Algoma	Sault Ste. Marie	Special meeting.
" 13, "	482	Bancroft	Bancroft	To initiate.
" 13, "	209a	St. John's	London	Exemplify 3rd degree.
" 13, "	126	Golden Rule	Campbellford	Divine service.
" 20, "	121	Doric	Brantford	At home.
" 23, "	486	Silver	Cobalt	To elect.
" 25, "	276	Teeswater	Teeswater	Divine service.
" 25, "	291	Dufferin	W. Flamboro	Divine service.
" 29, "	127	Franck	Frankford	Divine service.
" 30, "	357	Waterdown	Millgrove	Divine service.
Oct. 1, "	263	Forest	Forest	Divine service.
" 12, "	438	Harmony	Toronto	Special meeting.
" 20, "	41	St. George's	Kingsville	To visit.
" 21, "	376	Unity	Huntsville	To initiate.
" 26, "	422	Star of the East	Bothwell	Divine service.
" 27, "	383	Henderson	Winchester	To elect.
Nov. 2, "	426	Stanley	Toronto	Temporary meeting place
" 3, "	86	Wilson	Toronto	At home.
" 8, "	403	Windsor	Windsor	At home.

DISPENSATIONS—CONTINUED.

Date.	No.	Lodge.	Location.	Purpose.
Nov. 13, 1909	367	St. George	Toronto	At home.
" 16, "	68	St. John's	Ingersoll	To initiate.
" 17, "	121	Doric	Brantford	To initiate.
" 18, "	219	Credit	Georgetown	To elect.
" 22, "	100	Valley	Dundas	Divine service
" 23, "	22	King Solomon's	Toronto	At home.
" 24, "	412	Keystone	Sault Ste Marie.	At home.
" 24, "	68	St. John's	Ingersoll	To initiate.
" 29, "	410	Zeta	Toronto	Special meeting.
" 29, "	44	St. Thomas	St. Thomas	At home.
" 30, "	343	Georgina	Toronto	Special meeting.
" 30, "	339	Orient	Toronto	To initiate.
" 30, "	24	St. Francis	Smith's Falls	Special meeting.
" 30, "	38	Trent	Trenton	Special meeting.
" 30, "	390	Florence	Florence	Special meeting.
Dec. 1, "	22	King Solomon's	Toronto	Special meeting.
" 2, "	113	Wilson	Waterford	To initiate.
" 2, "	382	Doric	Hamilton	At home.
" 2, "	404	Lorne	Tamworth	To elect.
" 3, "	142	Excelsior	Morrisburg	To elect.
" 6, "	302	St. David's	St. Thomas	At home.
" 6, "	371	Prince of Wales	Ottawa	To install.
" 7, "	91	Colborne	Colborne	To elect.
" 7, "	122	Renfrew	Renfrew	At home.

DISPENSATIONS—CONTINUED.

Date	No.	Lodge.	Location.	Purpose.
Dec. 7, 1909	137	Pythagoras	Meaford	To elect.
" 9, "	372	Palmer	Bridgeburg	Divine service.
" 10, "	382	Doric	Hamilton	Divine service.
" 13, "	178	Plattsville	Plattsville	To install.
" 13, "	127	Franck	Frankford	To install.
" 13, "	326	Zetland	Toronto	Special meeting.
" 13, "	290	Leamington	Leamington	Divine service.
" 14, "	329	King Solomon	Jarvis	To elect.
" 14, "	131	St. Lawrence	Southampton	To install.
" 15, "	473	The Beaches	Toronto	To install.
" 16, "	46	Wellington	Chatham	Divine service.
" 16, "	433	Bonnechere	Eganville	To install.
" 17, "	194	Petrolia	Petrolia	To install.
" 17, "	260	Washington	Petrolia	To install.
" 17, "	155	Peterborough	Peterborough	To install.
" 17, "	409	Golden Rule	Gravenhurst	To install.
" 17, "	326	Zetland	Toronto	To confer degree.
" 20, "	101	Corinthian	Peterborough	To install.
" 20, "	33	Maitland	Goderich	To install.
" 20, "	34	Thistle	Amherstburg	To install.
" 20, "	144	Tecumseh	Stratford	To install.
" 22, "	261	Oak Branch	Innerkip	Divine service.
" 22, "	47	Great Western	Windsor	To install.
" 22, "	315	Clifford	Clifford	To initiate.

Date.	No.	Lodge.	Location.	Purpose.
Dec. 22, 1909	346	Occident	Toronto	At home.
" 23, "	334	Prince Arthur	Arthur	To install.
" 24, "	164	Star in East	Wellington	Divine service.
" 21, "	249	Caledonian	Midland	Divine service.
" 24, "	245	Tecumseh	Thamesville	To install.
" 24, "	313	Clementi	Lakefield	To install.
" 24, "	75	St. John's	Toronto	At home.
" 27, "	216	Harris	Orangeville	To install.
" 27, "	133	Lebanon Forest	Exeter	To install.
" 29, "	421	Scott	Grand Valley	To install.
" 29, "	336	Highgate	Highgate	To install.
" 29, "	337	Myrtle	Port Robinson	To install.
Jan. 4, 1910	158	Alexandra	Oil Springs	To install.
" 4, "	181	Oriental	Port Burwell	To install.
" 6, "	459	Cobden	Cobden	At home.
" 6, "	378	King Solomon	London	At home.
" 6, "	16	St. Andrew's	Toronto	At home.
" 7, "	438	Harmony	Toronto	At home.
" 7, "	410	Zeta	Toronto	At home.
" 6, "	196	Plantagenet	Plantagenet	To install.
" 11, "	65	Rehoboam	Toronto	At home.
" 11, "	267	Parthenon	Chatham	To initiate.
" 12, "	369	Mimico	Lambton Mills	At home.
" 12, "	7	Union	Grimsby	At home.

DISPENSATIONS—CONTINUED.

Date.	No.	Lodge.	Location.	Purpose.
Jan. 13, 1910	359	Vittoria	Vittoria	To elect.
" 13, "	234	Beaver	Clarksburg	To install.
" 15, "	367	St. George	Toronto	Special meeting.
" 15, "	442	Dyment	Thessalon	At home.
" 17, "	415	Fort William	Fort William	To confer degree.
" 19, "	86	Wilson	Toronto	At home.
" 20, "	266	Northern Light	Stayner	At home.
Jan. 21, 1910	116	Cassia	Thedford	To initiate.
" 21, "	394	King Solomon	Thamesford	At home.
" 21, "	144	Tecumseh	Stratford	To initiate.
" 25, "	38	Trent	Trenton	Special meeting.
" 31, "	90	Manito	Collingwood	At home.
Feb. 3, "	423	Fidelity	Port Perry	At home.
" 3, "	39	Mt. Zion	Brooklin	To initiate.
" 9, "	200	St. Alban's	Mt. Forest	To initiate.
" 9, "	322	North Star	Owen Sound	At home.
" 10, "	U.D.	Karnak	Coldwater	Concert.
" 10, "	403	Windsor	Windsor	At home.
" 15, "	21a	St. John's	Vankleek Hill	To initiate.
" 15, "	238	Havelock	Watford	To initiate.
" 16, "	384	Alpha	Toronto	Special meeting.
" 17, "	5	Sussex	Brockville	At home.
" 17, "	473	The Beaches	Toronto	At home.
" 19, "	207	Lancaster	Lancaster	To initiate.

Date	No.	Lodge.	Location.	Purpose.
Feb. 19, 1910	263	Forest	Forest	At home.
" 21, "	245	Tecumseh	Thamesville	At home.
" 21, "	92	Cataraqui	Kingston	To initiate.
" 22 "	92	Cataraqui	Kingston	At home
Mar. 1, "	437	Tuscan	Sarnia	At home.
" 2, "	466	Coronation	Elmvale	At home.
" 3, "	486	Silver	Cobalt	At home
" 3, "	486	Silver	Cobalt	Divine service.
" 3, "	24	St. Francis	Smith's Falls	A banquet.
" 7, "	113	Wilson	Waterford	At home.
" 8, "	324	Temple	Hamilton	At home.
" 11, "	430	Acacia	Toronto	At home.
" 16, "	156	York	North Toronto	At home.
" 21, "	34	Thistle	Amherstburg	At home.
" 26, "	383	Henderson	Winchester	A banquet.
Apr. 2, "	115	Ivy	Beamsville	Special meeting.
" 9, "	367	St. George	Toronto	At home.
" 11, "	218	Stevenson	Toronto	Special meeting.
" 15, "	64	Kilwinning	London	At home.
" 18, "	314	Blair	Palmerston	Divine service.
" 18, "	329	King Solomon	Jarvis	Special meeting.
" 20, "	259	Springfield	Springfield	Divine service.
" 21, "	11	Moira	Belleville	At home.
" 26, "	395	Parvaim	Comber	Divine service.

DISPENSATIONS—CONTINUED.

Date	No.	Lodge.	Location.	Purpose.
Apr. 28, 1910	247	Ashlar	Toronto	Special meeting.
" 29 "	107	St. Paul's	Lambeth	To elect.
May 2, "	369	Mimico	Lambton Mills	Special meeting.
" 2, "	473	The Beaches	Toronto	At home.
" 4, "	193	Scotland	Scotland	Lodge of Instruction.
" 4, "	207	Lancaster	Lancaster	To initiate.
" 9, "	262	Harriston	Harriston	Lodge of Instruction.
" 10, "	47	Great Western	Windsor	Lodge of Instruction.
" 12, "	369	Mimico	Lambton Mills	Special meeting.
" 12, "	73	St. James'	St. Mary's	Lodge of Instruction.
" 12, "	287	Shuniah	Port Arthur	Divine service.
" 12, "	45	Brant	Brantford	Divine service.
" 12, "	472	Gore Bay	Gore Bay	Divine service.
" 13, "	180	Speed	Guelph	Divine service.
" 14, "	297	Preston	Preston	Special meeting.
" 16, "	334	Alpha	Toronto	At home.
" 16, "	264	Chaudiere	Ottawa	Special meeting.
" 16, "	254	Clifton	Niagara Falls	Divine service.
" 17, "	373	Copestone	Welland	Divine service.
" 17, "	140	Malahide	Aylmer	To initiate.
" 23, "	290	Leamington	Leamington	Divine service.
" 26, "	159	Goodwood	Richmond	Divine service.
" 30, "	82	St. John's	Paris	Divine service.
" 31, "	313	Clementi	Lakefield	Divine service.

Date.	No.	Lodge.	Location.	Purpose.
May 31, 1910	242	Macoy	Mallorytown	Divine service.
" 31, "	465	Carlton	Carp	Divine service.
June 1, "	154	Irving	Lucan	Divine Service.
" 1, "	123	Belleville	Belleville	Divine service.
" 1, "	85	Rising Sun	Athens	Divine service.
" 2, "	439	Alexandria	Alexandria	Lodge of Instruction.
" 2, "	385	Spry	Beeton	Divine service.
" 4, "	451	Somerville	Kinmount	Divine service.
" 4, "	476	Corinthian	North Gower	Divine service.
" 4, "	107	St. Paul's	Lambeth	Divine service.
" 7, "	299	Victoria	Centreville	Divine service.
" 7, "	267	Parthenon	Chatham	Divine service.
" 7, "	404	Lorne	Tamworth	Divine service.
" 8, "	181	Oriental	Port Burwell	Divine service.
" 8, "	U.D.	St. Andrew's	Arden	Divine service.
" 8, "	66	Durham	Newcastle	Divine service.
" 9, "	9	Union	Napanee	Divine service.
" 9, "	47	Great Western	Windsor	Divine service.
" 9, "	360	Muskoka	Bracebridge	Divine service.
" 9, "	343	Georgina	Toronto	To install.
" 9, "	18	Prince Edward	Picton	To initiate.
" 9, "	9	Union	Napanee	Divine service.
" 9, "	47	Great Western	Windsor	Divine service.
" 9, "	360	Muskoka	Bracebridge	Divine service.

DISPENSATIONS—CONTINUED.

Date.	No.	Lodge.	Location.	Purpose.
June 11, 1910	63	St. John's	Carleton Place	Divine service.
" 11, "	55	Merrickville	Merrickville	Divine service.
" 11, "	485	Haileybury	Haileybury	Divine service.
" 11, "	115	Ivy	Beamsville	Divine service.
" 11, "	52	Dalhousie	Ottawa	To install.
" 11, "	75	St. John's	Toronto	To install.
" 13, "	137	Pythagoras	Meaford	Divine service.
" 13, "	23	Richmond	Richmond Hill	Divine service.
" 13, "	43	King Solomon	Woodstock	Divine service.
" 13, "	434	Algonquin	Emsdale	To initiate.
" 14, "	201	Leeds	Gananoque	Divine service.
" 14, "	395	Parvaim	Comber	Divine service.
" 14, "	345	Nilestown	Nilestown	Divine service.
" 14, "	47	Great Western	Windsor	To hold an excursion.
" 14, "	396	Cedar	Wiarton	Divine service.
" 18, "	487	Penewobikong	Blind River	Divine service.
" 18, "	475	Dundurn	Hamilton	Divine service.
" 18, "	453	Wales	Wales	Divine service.
" 18, "	368	Salem	Brockville	Divine service.
" 18, "	402	Central	Essex	Divine service.
" 18, "	87	Markham Union	Markham	Divine service.
" 18, "	77	Faithful Brethren	Lindsay	Divine service.
" 18, "	209a	St. John's	London	Special meeting.
" 18, "	405	Mattawa	Mattawa	To decorate graves.

Date.	No.	Lodge.	Location.	Purpose.
June 18, 1910	82	St. John's	Paris	To install.
" 18, "	322	North Star	Owen Sound	To hold an excursion.
" 18, "	196	Madawaska	Arnprior	Divine service.
" 18, "	255	Sydenham	Dresden	Divine service.
" 18, "	203	Irvine	Elora	To install.
" 18, "	32	Amity	Dunnville	Divine service.
" 20, "	441	Westport	Westport	Divine service.
" 20, "	437	Tuscan	Sarnia	Divine service.
" 20, "	129	Rising Sun	Aurora	Divine service.
" 20, "	72	Alma	Galt	Divine service.
" 20, "	33	Maitland	Goderich	Divine service.
" 20, "	489	Osiris	Smith's Falls	Divine service.
" 20, "	489	Osiris	Smith's Falls	To hold special meeting.
" 20, "	219	Credit	Georgetown	Divine service.
" 21, "	302	St. David's	St. Thomas	Divine service.
" 21, "	128	Pembroke	Pembroke	Divine service.
" 21, "	260	Washington	Petrolia	Divine service.
" 21, "	265	Patterson	Thornhill	Divine service.
" 21, "	420	Nipissing	North Bay	Divine service.
" 21, "	194	Petrolia	Petrolia	Divine Service.
" 22, "	356	River Park	Streetsville	Divine Service.
" 22, "	184	Old Light	Lucknow	Divine Service.
" 22, "	236	Manitoba	Cookstown	Divine Service.
" 22, "	28	Mt. Zion	Kemptville	Divine Service.

DISPENSATIONS—CONTINUED.

Date.	No.	Lodge.	Location.	Purpose.
June 23, 1910	460	Rideau	Seeley's Bay	Divine Service.
" 23, "	473	The Beaches	Toronto	Divine Service.
" 23, "	459	Cobden	Cobden	Divine Service.
" 23, "	114	Hope	Port Hope	Divine Service.
" 23, "	48	Madoc	Madoc	Divine Service.
" 23, "	461	Ionic	Rainy River	Divine Service.
" 24, "	57	King Hiram	Ingersoll	Divine Service.
" 24, "	143	Friendly Brothers	Iroquois	Divine Service.
" 24, "	157	Simpson	Newboro'	Divine Service.
" 24, "	329	King Solomon's	Jarvis	Divine Service.
" 24, "	312	Pnyx	Wallaceburg	Divine Service.
" 24, "	442	Dyment	Thessalon	Divine Service.
" 25, "	68	St. John's	Ingersoll	Divine Service.
" 27, "	482	Bancroft	Bancroft	Divine Service.
" 27, "	376	Unity	Huntsville	Divine Service.
" 27, "	352	Granite	Parry Sound	Divine Service.
" 27, "	41	St. George's	Kingsville	Divine Service.
" 28, "	90	Manito	Collingwood	Divine Service.
" 28, "	322	North Star	Owen Sound	Divine Service.
" 28, "	297	Preston	Preston	Divine Service.
" 28, "	454	Corona	Burk's Falls	Divine Service.
" 28, "	223	Norwood	Norwood	Divine Service.
" 28, "	394	King Solomon's	Thamesford	Divine Service.
" 28, "	142	Excelsior	Morrisburg	Divine Service.

Date.	No.	Lodge.	Location.	Purpose.
June 28, 1910	462	Temiscaming	New Liskeard	Divine Service.
" 28, "	34	Thistle	Amherstburg	Divine Service.
" 28, "	323	Alvinston	Alvinston	Divine Service.
" 28, "	108	Blenheim	Princeton	To install.
" 28, "	U.D.	University	Toronto	Special meeting.

Fraternally submitted,

R. Gunn

Grand Secretary.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding and resolved:

That the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

The Grand Secretary presented the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters.

REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

ERIE DISTRICT NO. 1.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report upon the condition of Masonry in Erie District, No. 1.

At the outset I desire to express my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by the brethren of the district in electing me to this responsible office, as well as for the kindness and hospitality with which I was greeted by the brethren throughout the district during the term.

Without exception every lodge in the District treated me with the utmost courtesy and hospitality and I am pleased to report that so far as I am able to learn there has been nothing but peace and harmony among the Masons of this District throughout the year.

Early in my term I addressed a letter to each lodge inquiring as to (a) whether or not their lodge room was dedicated; (b) other lodges meeting in their lodge rooms; (c) the Semi-Centennial Fund; (d) the date most suitable for my visit.

From the answers I received I found that the rooms of King Edward Lodge, Harrow, and Star of the East, Bothwell, had not been dedicated.

Accordingly on the 12th of October, 1909, acting under instructions received from the Grand Secretary, I conducted the ceremony of constituting and consecrating King Edward Lodge. Right Worshipful Bros. Crumb, Revel, and Fraser were present as well as other brethren from Windsor, Amherstburg, Chatham and the neighboring lodges.

After the ceremony, the officers of the newly constituted lodge were installed by Right Worshipful Bro. Fraser of Thamesville.

On the 15th of April, 1910 I dedicated the lodge room of this lodge and paid my official visit. The First Degree was conferred by W. Bro. Richardson, the Master of the Lodge. The work was well done and the lodge seemed to be in a thriving condition.

On the 18th of May I conducted the ceremony of dedicating the room of Star of the East Lodge, Bothwell and made my official visit. I was assisted in the ceremony of dedication by Right Worshipful Bros. Fraser and Crumb, and Very Worshipful Bro. Pye and Worshipful Bro. Laurie, also several of the Past Masters from Glencoe and Wardsville, as well as the home lodge, Star of the East. The First Degree was well exemplified by W. Bro. McLeod, the Master of the lodge and his officers.

In reply to my question as to other lodges meeting in their lodge room, the lodges all reported that their rooms were not used for any purpose other than Masonic gatherings.

On each of my visits I did what I could to urge upon the brethren their duty in regard to the Semi-Centennial Fund and while I regret to report that there are still a number of Lodges in the District much too far behind in their efforts on behalf of this worthy cause, still I am pleased to be able to report that several of the lodges, notably Windsor Lodge, Windsor, Parthenon Lodge, Chatham, Lorne Lodge, Glencoe, have paid up their full quota, and while results in the District as a whole are not as gratifying in this respect as I would like, still, I think that fair progress has been made during the year.

Sydenham No. 255, Dresden, visited 13th January, 1910. W. Bro. Bedell and officers conferred the Third Degree impressively. The books are well kept and the lodge seems to be in a prosperous condition.

Central No. 402, Essex—Visited this lodge, January 19th, 1910. W. Bro. Tweedle and officers conferred the Second Degree in a satisfactory manner. The books of the lodge are in excellent shape and the

past officers, as well as the present officers, take great interest in the lodge.

Lorne, No. 282, Glencoe, my mother lodge, visited January 20th, 1910, in the absence of W. Bro. Elliott, who had removed to Ingersoll, the Third Degree was conferred by Worshipful Brother Parrott, assisted by W. Brothers Huston and Foncar. The work was splendidly put on. This lodge is fully sustaining its reputation for good work.

Parthenon, No. 267, Chatham, visited April 6th, 1910. W. Bro. Draper and officers conferred the Third Degree in an almost perfect manner. Great enthusiasm prevails in this lodge. The brethren are great entertainers and left nothing undone in that direction.

St. George's No. 41, Kingsville, visited April 14th, 1910. The Second Degree was conferred by Wor. Bro. Woodiwiss, W. M. and his officers. Work well done, books well kept. Officers and brethren energetic and enthusiastic.

Tecumseh No. 245, Thamesville, visited 18th April, 1910, First Degree well exemplified by Wor. Bro. Vance and his officers. Right Worshipful Brother Worth and R.W. Bro. Fraser and V.W. Bro. Pye. W. M. Bro. Currie and other Past Masters of this lodge continue to be interested in the work of the lodge and do much toward keeping up the high standard which it has attained in the past.

McColl No. 386, West Lorne, visited April 19th, 1910. W. M. Bro. Bennett and officers conferred the Second Degree accurately and impressively. R. W. Bro. Milner, a veteran Mason, was present and added materially to the success of the occasion by his assistance and encouragement. This lodge is doing well and gives promise for the future.

Rodney No. 411, Rodney visited 20th April, 1910. W. Bro. Busby and officers exemplified the First Degree. The work was well done and the books are well kept.

Great Western No. 47, Windsor, visited 21st of April, 1910, W. Bro. Reid and Officers exemplified the Third Degree in a splendid manner. This is one of

the most progressive lodges of the District, and if the present harmony and enthusiasm continues, as I have every reason to believe it will, the lodge has a great future.

Florence No. 390, Florence, visited April 22nd, 1910. As there was no special work on hand, the evening was very largely devoted to a discussion of the Semi-Centennial Fund, and after going into the matter carefully all the brethren subscribed toward the fund and promised to do all in their power to obtain their full quota to this Fund. The lodge is presided over by a capable Master and an efficient set of officers. The officers and past officers take great interest in the proper conferring of the degrees. W. Bro. Currie of Thamesville, accompanied me on this visit.

Wellington, No. 46, Chatham, visited April 25th, 1910. W. Bro. Verrall and officers conferred the First Degree almost faultlessly. A large number of visiting brethren were present and enjoyed the splendid hospitality of the members of Wellington lodge. The presence and assistance in the lodge of a number of capable Past Masters adds materially to the strength and prestige of this lodge. W. Bro. Laurie of this lodge who accompanied me on a number of my official visits gave me much assistance in regard to my efforts in behalf of the Semi-Centennial Fund.

Hammond No. 327, Wardsville, visited April 26th, 1910. Owing to the absence of W. Bro. Jamieson, who had moved away, the Lodge was at the time of my visit without a Master. The energetic Secretary, W. Bro. Dr. Wilson continues active in the cause of Masonry in this Lodge. Owing to the absence of the candidate no degree was exemplified. A number of the Glencoe brethren accompanied me on this visit and altogether a delightful and profitable evening was spent with the Wardsville brethren.

Highgate No. 336, Highgate, visited 27th April, 1910. W. Bro. Gosnell and an efficient staff of officers exemplified the Second Degree with accuracy and effect. I was pleased to meet here, Wor. Bro. McPhail, a former teacher of my own, and a number of other Past Masters, whose zeal for Masonry remains

strong and whose assistance is of great value to the lodge. The books are well kept and the lodge is in good condition.

Windsor, No. 403, visited April 29th, 1910. W. Bro. Allworth and his officers conferred the Third Degree in an almost perfect manner. The lodge is in a splendid condition and a strong feeling of good Masonic fellowship and harmony was in evidence. Several brethren from across the river were present at each meeting in Windsor and testified to the fraternal tie that binds the Masons of Canada to those of the neighboring Republic to the South.

Kent No. 274, Blenheim, visited 2nd May, 1910. W. Bro. Holmes, W.M. and officers, conferred the Second Degree in pleasing style. W. Bro. Gosnell and other Past Masters were present and assisted me on behalf of the Semi-Centennial Fund. My visit to this lodge was an exceedingly pleasant one and I was much delighted with the spirit in which the work was done. The books are splendidly kept and the business of the lodge carefully looked after.

Century No. 457, Merlin, visited 4th of May, 1910 The Third Degree was conferred by W. M. W. Bro. Hutchinson. The work was well done and the affairs of the lodge are in good hands. The Secretary has the books in excellent shape and is an energetic Mason. This is a splendid young lodge.

Pynx No. 312, Wallaceburg, visited 9th May, 1910. The lodge was opened and closed by the Worshipful Master, W. Bro. Cousins, and W. Bro. Smith, Past Master, and the other officers conferred the Third Degree in a creditable manner. W. Bro. Laurie accompanied me on my visit to this lodge and gave an interesting and instructive address on Masonry in general and the Semi-Centennial Fund in particular. The dues are well paid up and the lodge shows the results of careful and efficient business management. The efficient secretary, Bro. E. E. Parker is deserving of especial mention for the manner in which the books and finances of the lodge are looked after.

Parvaim, No. 395, Comber, visited 10th May, 1910. The First Degree was ably exemplified by W.

Bro. Seil assisted by an efficient staff of officers. The floor work was excellent. The beautiful lodge room impresses one as the home of true Masonry. V. W. Bro. Brown, Past Masters Beatty, Campbell and others were present and assisted in the work of the evening. The finances of the lodge are in a healthy condition and the books well kept.

Thistle No. 34, Amherstburg, the oldest lodge in the District, visited 17th May, 1910. The Third Degree was beautifully and impressively conferred by W. Bro. Lewis, Worshipful Master, assisted by W. Bros. Christianson, French, Patten and others. The ancient landmarks seem to be carefully observed and the brethren of this lodge have the faculty of making all Masons who come within their walls feel quite at home. I was pleased to meet here Bro. Auld, who delivered a splendid address on the Semi-Centennial Fund. R. W. Bro. White, W. Bros. Reid, Gatfield, English and several others from Windsor accompanied me on this visit and added materially to the pleasure of the evening.

Howard No. 391, Ridgetown, visited 23rd May 1910. The Second Degree was conferred by W. Bro. Crawford and his officers. While the work could be improved upon by practice, this lodge has great possibilities. The officers all seemed capable of excellent work and seem to be working harmoniously. This lodge should have a bright future.

Leamington, No. 290, Leamington—Visited 24th of May, 1910. The First Degree was conferred almost perfectly by W. Bro. Moss and an able staff of officers. The excellent and commodious lodge-room gave an opportunity for excellent floor work, of which the officers availed themselves in an excellent manner. The brethren showed great interest and enthusiasm in the work. While the attendance was not large, the reception was most cordial and the evening both pleasant and profitable.

Xenophon, No. 448, Wheatley—Visited May 26th, 1910. The Third Degree was conferred by W. Bro. Scott and a staff of active, enthusiastic officers. The work would have done credit to older and larger

lodges. This lodge has the right kind of material to do excellent work, and with practice will be hard to excel. The floor work was particularly accurate and attractive.

Naphthali, No. 413, Tilbury—Visited May 31st, 1910, my last official visit. W. Bro. Sloane and his staff of officers exemplified the First Degree . The lodge-room and appointments are neat and beautiful, and the officers do their work well. The lodge is in a thriving condition, and everything points to success and harmony in this lodge.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

On the 12th of May I held a lodge of instruction under Great Western Lodge, Windsor. Parthenon, No. 267, Chatham, conferred the First Degree; St. George's, No. 41, Kingsville, the Second, and Great Western, No. 47, Windsor, the Third.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master honored us with his presence and spoke encouragingly of the excellent work done by all the lodges and delivered a strong and instructive address on the Semi-Centennial Fund. Many brethren were present from other lodges and enjoyed the generous hospitality for which the genial Master and officers and members of Great Western lodge are noted.

Fraternally submitted.

J. C. ELLIOTT, D. D. G. M.,

Erie District, No. 1.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Table shewing the work done in Erie District No. 1 from June 24th, 1909, to June 24th. 1910

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Membership: Total No of all Mem.	Membership: Increase during year	Membership: Decrease during year	Degre's Conf'rd: E. A.	Degre's Conf'rd: F. C.	Degre's Conf'rd: M. M.	Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N P D.	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased	Meet'gs held: Regular	Meet'gs held: Emergent	Meet'gs held: Total	Average attend'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. me'b'rs 12 m'ths in arr'rs	Total of all arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W M. work all degrees	Insurance
34	Thistle ..	Amherstburg .	105	5	4	5	5	6	0	0	0	3	0	1	13	16	29	20	$ 25 00	18	$ 89 50	Dec. 1909	good	good	Yes	$1,320 00
41	St.George's	Kingsville	108	12	0	13	9	7	0	0	0	1	0	1	13	12	25	32	40 00	8	45 00	June 30, 1910	good	bright	Yes	1,800 00
46	Wellingt'n	Chatham	222	12	0	23	15	14	2	2	7	6	0	2	10	19	29	42	105 00	36	239 00	Feb. 1910	good	bright	Yes	1,000 00
47	Gt.West'rn	Windsor	403	15	0	28	31	36	5	1	0	0	0	0	13	45	58	70	192 50	25	150 00	June 24, 1910	good	v. good	Yes	360 00 on reg'lia
245	Tecumseh	Thamesville ..	67	5	0	5	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	1	14	9	9 00	1		Dec. 30, 1910	good	good	Yes	450 00
255	Sydenham	Dresden.....	78	3	0	3	3	3	1	0	1	0	0	2	12	4	16	14	40 00	4	21 00	July 1, 1910	good	good	Yes	450 00
267	Parthenon.	Chatham	204	23	0	20	23	22	5	0	2	0	0	0	13	33	46	30	110 00	47	292 00	April 15, 1910	good	Splendid	Yes	CARRIED BY B'RD OF CONT'L
274	Kent	Blenheim. ...	107	11	1	11	6	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	24	3	27	25		6	13 00	April 21, 1910	good	great	1ST&2ND	$ 500 00
282	Lorne. ...	Glencoe... ...	69	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	13	1	14	11	7 50	22	138 00	Dec. 16, 1909	fair	fair	Yes	200 00
290	Leamingt'n	Leamington ..	135	6	0	4	2	2	1	3	1	0	0	1	12	3	15	27	150 00	27	90 25	June 24, 1910	good	good	Yes	300 00
312	Puyx ..	Wallaceburg .	94	0	4	4	2	6	1	0	4	2	0	3	14	6	20	15	20 00	0		Dec. 27, 1909	good	fair	No	400 00
327	Hammond.	Wardsville....	27	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	5	1	6	9		4	41 75	June 1909	....	very fair	Yes	400 00
336	Highgate..	Highgate.	59	0	1	2	2	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	12	2	14	22	25 00	8	100 00	Dec. 27, 1909	good	good	Yes	400 00
386	McColl ...	West Lorne.. .	90	6	1	6	6	5	1	0	0	0	0	1	12	2	14	18	75 00	0		Dec. 27, 1909	good	good	Yes	500 00
390	Florence ..	Florence	39	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	10	1	11	14	5 00	7	80 25	Dec. 16, 1909	fair	fair	Yes	200 00
391	Howard ...	Ridgetown....	78	5	0	4	3	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	12	3	15	23	72 00	0		Dec. 27 1909	good	good	Yes	450 00
395	Parvaim ..	Comber	61	4	2	4	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	11	4	15	15		8		Dec. 31, 1909	fair	good	Yes	300 00
402	Central....	Essex	66	2	0	4	4	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	12	2	14	17	5 00	21	75 00	Jan. 8, 1910	fair	fair		500 00
403	Windsor ..	Windsor	279	18	0	21	24	30	6	0	4	3	0	2	12	36	48	50	150 00	25	250 00	Dec. 27, 1909	good	good	Yes	BY MASONIC BO'RD TRUST'S
411	Rodney ...	Rodney.	50	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	7	10		32		.....	fair	good	No	... . ..
413	Naphtali ..	Tilbury.	80	13	15	12	6	4	1	0	5	10	0	0	12	15	37	16		14	275 00	June 24, 1909	fair	good	Yes	500 00
422	St'r of East	Bothwell.....	53	6	1	6	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	10	3	13	19		5	15 00	June 1909	good	good	Yes	210 00
448	Xenophon .	Wheatley. ...	43	2	0	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	2	14	12		13	80 00	Feb. 1910	fair	fair	Yes	300 00
457	Century...	Merlin..	34	1	0	2	4	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	6	5	11	10		7	60 00	June 24, 1909	$75 in debt	fair	Yes	200 00
488	King Ed'rd	Harrow...	46	6	0	6	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	6	17	20		0		Jan. 1, 1910	good	good	Yes	300 00

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT NO. 2.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in St. Clair District, No. 2, for the past year.

My first official duty was to appoint V. W. Bro. R. F. Richardson of Beaver Lodge, No. 83, District Secretary, and W Bro. Rev. C. F. Clarke of Ionic Lodge, No. 328, District Chaplain.

THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

For a number of years this fund has been a vexing question to a great many of the lodges in the district, and although I sincerely regret that more interest has not been taken in this important matter, the district throughout is waking up to the question, and considerable progress has been made during the year.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

The annual lodge of instruction in this district was held in the rooms of Cassia Lodge, No. 116, Thedford, on April 1st. We were signally honored by the presence of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, and the D.D.G.Ms. of Districts 3 and 4, R. W. Bros. Wallace and Hodgins. P.D.D.G.Ms. Cornell, McWhorter, Sutherland and Thoman were also present, and a very large representation from the districts.

The First Degree was very ably exemplified by W. Bro. Dr. Bell and officers of Tuscan Lodge, No. 437, Sarnia.

The Second Degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Phelps and officers of Cassia, No. 161, and

The Third Degree by W. Bro. W. Goodison and officers of Victoria, No. 56, Sarnia.

The work in the lodge-room was exceptionally well done, and much praise was given the degree staffs by the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge officers.

Banquet followed at Holwell House. Proceedings in charge of W. Bro. Dr. Grant. The usual toasts were honored and a very pleasant hour spent.

DEDICATIONS.

Acting under instruction from the M. W. the Grand Master, I officiated at the dedication of the following lodge rooms, being ably assisted by the P.Ms. of the various lodges:

St. Clair, No. 425, March 15th.
Havelock, No. 238, April 19th
Ionic, No. 328, April 22nd.
Forest, No. 263, May 3rd.
Cassia, No. 116, May 19th.
Arkona,, No. 307, May 19th.

The rooms of Moore, No. 294, and Leopold, No. 397, were dedicated on June 2nd and 22nd, respectively, by the M. W. the Grand Master.

It was my privilege to accompany the M. W. Bro. on these two occasions. I have to report that there remains one lodge-room not dedicated, namely, Alexandra, No. 158, Oil Springs.

Reports of these ceremonies have been forwarded to the Grand Secretary.

On May 1st I received instructions from the Grand Master to proceed to Mt. Brydges and investigate as to some irregularities in St. John's Lodge No. 81. A full report of this matter has also been forwarded to the Grand Master.

VISITS.

My first official visit was to Leopold Lodge, No. 397, Brigden, on ....., 1909. I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. S. E. Cornell and Bro. Warren of Sarnia. The Second Degree was conferred by W. Bro. Jas. McDonald in a very impressive manner. This lodge is in fine working order and is well manned with officers. I found this lodge meeting in a hall with

another society, and am delighted to report that they are now occupying rooms by themselves, which are nicely furnished. Books neatly and well kept by the Secretary, Bro. Watson. Semi-Centennial Fund is being cared for, and quota will be paid at early date.

Was present at dedication of this lodge on June 22 with the M. W. the Grand Master.

On October 28, 1909, I visited Arkona Lodge, No. 307, Arkona, accompanied by W. Bros. Donaldson, Richardson, Curry and Trueman of Beaver Lodge, No. 83.

W. Bro. Geo. Conkey and his officers conferred the Second Degree in a very creditable manner.

The books are in good shape and speak well for the Secretary, Bro. Nelson.

This lodge is in excellent working order. The Semi-Centennial Fund was very plainly dealt with, and the brethren have promised to square up this matter at an early date. R. W. Bros. Sutherland and Thoman, P.D.D.G.Ms., were present on this occasion. I also visited this lodge on May 19th, 1910, when the rooms were dedicated in accordance with requirements of Grand Lodge. The lodge-room was filled and many visitors were present from Parkhill, Watford, Forest, Thedford and Strathroy.

On Nov. 23rd, 1909, I visited Havelock Lodge, No. 238, Watford, and found a goodly number of the brethren in attendance.

The Second Degree was fairly well done, the work of the W. M., Bro. Hobbs, being excellent.

The books are well looked after by W. Bro. H. R. Stuart, who is one of the best secretaries in the district and a very enthusiastic Mason.

This lodge is in excellent condition and nicely quartered. The brethren have not done very much for the Semi-Centennial Fund, but have made provision for the payment of a goodly portion of their quota.

I again visited this lodge on April 19th, 1910, when the lodge-rooms were dedicated, a very large number of brethren being present to witness the ceremony.

On Nov. 26, 1909, I visited Ionic Lodge, No. 328, Napier, and was royally received. The W. M., Bro. Waddell, very ably conferred the Second Degree. Bro. Waddell has been an excellent Master, and the lodge has grown and prospered under his administration.

The books are in the hands of W. Bro. Toohill, who is a very careful Secretary. The Semi-Centennial Fund is arranged for, and their quota will be paid at once.

I visited this lodge again on April 22nd, 1910, when its rooms were dedicated. On June 24th, 1910, I had the pleasure of installing the officers of this lodge. Prospects are very bright for Ionic, No. 328.

On Dec. 2nd, 1909, I visited Alexandra Lodge, No. 158, Oil Springs. W. Bro. Sutherland, and his officers conferred the First Degree in a very impressive manner. The officers are well selected and enthusiastic. Bro. Duggan, the Secretary, is the right man in the right place. The dues are nearly all paid.

I regret to say that this lodge is the only one in the district not dedicated. Spent a very pleasant time with the brethren at close of lodge.

On Feb. 14, 1910, I visited Bismark Lodge, No. 419, Point Edward, and was accompanied by a large number of Sarnia brethren.

The First Degree was conferred in a very correct manner by the W. M., Bro. Alcock, This lodge has a fine set of officers. The Junior Warden delivered the lecture in a very impressive manner.

The lodge is very fortunate in its Secretary, W. Bro. George. The books are well kept; dues nearly all in.

Committee appointed to deal with the Semi-Centennial Fund.

This lodge is experiencing some difficulty in se curing lodge quarters, but have made application for joint jurisdiction with Sarnia lodge. They are anxious to get this matter settled. Prospects very bright.

On Feb. 17th, 1910, Burns Lodge, No. 153, Wyoming, was visited. The room was filled at time of opening. A number of brethren from Petrolia were

present, among whom were R. W. Bro. Sinclair, P. D. D. G. M., and W. Bros. Frazer and Stinson.

The First Degree was conferred by the W. M., Bro. Paul, and was exceedingly well done.

The Second Degree was conferred by R. W. Bro. Coghlan, P. D. D. G. M., in his usual fine manner.

The Secretary reported that $60 had been forwarded the week previous to Semi-Centennial Fund. R. W. Bro. Coghlan is the Secretary, and is very prompt and careful in regard to the duties of his office.

Burns Lodge is one of the most prosperous in the district.

On Feb. 22nd I visited St. John's Lodge, No. 81, Mt. Brydges, and was greeted by a very large turnout of brethren. W. Bros. Curry, Mallon, Richardson, Donaldson and D. J. Donaldson accompanied me.

The Third Degree was exceedingly well conferred by the W. M., Bro. Bond, and his officers, the several offices being well filled.

The Semi-Centennial Fund is going along nicely here, and the whole quota will be fixed up shortly..

I am very sorry to report that there is a lack of harmony in the lodge, and some irregularities have been reported and investigated, and report is in the hands of Grand Lodge. I sincerely trust that things will work along more smoothly now. A little co-operation and consideration will arrange matters.

On March 1st, 1910, I visited Victoria Lodge, No. 56, Sarnia, and was very cordially greeted by a very large number of the craft.

V. W. Bro. Boyd, assistant Grand Secretary, and R. W. Bros. Wanless, Cornell and George were present on this occasion.

W. Bro. Goodison, the W. M., conferred the First Degree in a very fine manner and very correctly. The several offices in the lodge are filled by very capable craftsmen.

Victoria, No. 56, is the oldest lodge in the district, and is also one of the lodges that has paid full quota to the Semi-Centennial Fund, and is making marked progress under their efficient W. M., who is

very ably assisted by the Secretary, Bro. Watson. The books are in good shape.

A very pleasant hour was spent at close of lodge.

On March 15th, 1910, I visited St. Clair Lodge, No. 425, Sombra, accompanied by a number of the brethren from Sarnia.

The First Degree was conferred by W. Bro. Sheppardson, a Past Master, and the other officers of the lodge, and was fairly well done.

The rooms of the lodge were dedicated on this occasion, report of which has gone to the Grand Secretary. There was a very large attendance of members and visitors, and the lodge seems to be in a very prosperous condition.

Got a start on the Semi-Centennial Fund. The books are in good shape, and the Secretary, Bro. Burnham, is a very efficient officer.

The "Order of the Eastern Star" has vacated the lodge-rooms. Enjoyed a social hour at close of lodge.

On March 16th, 1910, I visited Tuscan Lodge, No. 437, Sarnia, and was received by a large number of brethren, among whom were R. W. Bros. Wanless and Cornell, R. W. Bro. H. Whyte, Toronto, P. G. J. Warden, and V. W. Bro. Boyd, assistant Grand Secretary.

W. Bro. Dr. Bell, the W. M., conferred the Second Degree, and in his usual faultless style. The W. M. is assisted by a capable set of officers, who were all present in their respective places.

R. W. Bro. Cornell looks after the duties of Secretary in a very satisfactory manner.

This lodge has paid its quota to Semi-Centennial Fund and is in fine working order, with very bright prospects for the future.

On March 17th I visited Moore Lodge, No. 294, Courtright. A fairly good number were present.

The Second Degree was conferred by W. Bro. Brown, P.M., and certainly was conferred in A1 manner.

The W. M., Bro. Tully, conferred the Third Degree and this was also exceedingly well done.

The officers are very enthusiastic and the lodge seems to be enjoying a goodly share of prosperity.

The lodge has an excellent Secretary in Bro. Stewart. The Semi-Centennial Fund quota has been paid in full.

Was also present at the dedication of the lodge-rooms on June 2nd, when the M. W. the Grand Master officiated. And at close were very hospitably entertained.

On March 24th, 1910, I visited Petrolia Lodge, No. 194, and Washington Lodge, No. 260, Petrolia, at a joint meeting, and was very cordially received by a large number of the craft. R. W. Bros. Sinclair and McWhorter, P. D. D. G. Ms. were present on this occasion.

The work of the evening consisted in the conferring of the First and Second Degrees, the First Degree by W. Bro. Hutchcroft and officers of Petrolia Lodge, No. 194, and the Second Degree by W. Bro. Dunlop and officers of Washington Lodge, No. 260. The work on the whole was very poorly done, and I think both lodges are capable of doing much better work.

The Semi-Centennial Fund is a dead issue seemingly, although the brethren promised to take the matter up.

Both lodges have excellent secretaries, and the books are well looked after. Spent a very enjoyable hour at close of lodge.

On March 25th, 1910, I visited Beaver Lodge, No. 83, Strathroy, and was warmly received in this, my mother lodge. A goodly number of the brethren were present to witness the conferring of the Third Degree, which was exceptionally well done by the W. M., Bro. Curry, and his very efficient staff.

V. W. Bro. Richardson is the Secretary, and is a very active and enthusiastic Mason. His books were in first-class shape.

The lodge is taking care of the Semi-Centennial Fund, and the full quota will be paid in a short while.

R. W. Bro. Whitehead, P.D.D.G.M., was present on this occasion.

On April 20th, 1910, I visited Dufferin Lodge, No. 364, Melbourne, in company with V. W. Bro. Richardson, and found a very few of the craft in attendance. The lodge was opened and closed in the Third Degree and was only fairly done.

I regret very much to say that this lodge is in very poor shape. There does not seem to be any sign of life at all, and the officers are very careless and indifferent. Some measures should be adopted to improve conditions in this lodge.

The lodge has never had any by-laws. Notices are sent very irregularly.

On May 3rd I visited Forest Lodge, No. 263, Forest. The brethren turned out in goodly numbers to witness the working of the Second Degree by Bro. Brodie and his officers. The work was well done, and the lodge has a good Secretary in Bro. Campbell. The room is nicely fitted up, and the lodge is in excellent running order.

On this occasion the rooms of this lodge were dedicated, report of which was sent to Grand Secretary.

Semi-Centennial Fund is going ahead, and a large share of their quota has been paid.

On May 18th, 1910, I visited Huron Lodge, No. 392, Camlachie,. A large number of the brethren were in attendance.

The Third Degree was conferred by a Past Master and well done. Sorry that I was unable to pass upon the work of the W. M.

The books are neatly and well kept by the Secretary, Bro. Trusler. A very pleasant hour was spent at close.

R. W. Bro. Trusler, P. D. D. G. M., was present.

On June 15th, I visited Alvinston Lodge, No. 323, Alvinston. There was a large turnout of the members of the craft.

The lodge was opened and closed in the Third Degree in a fautless manner. The officers are all very capable and are well chosen, and were in their respective chairs.

This is one of the best working lodges in the district: have very fine rooms and well taken care of,

and have also a very efficient secretary. The books are well kept and the Semi-Centennial Fund will be attended to at an early date.

I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Martyn on this occasion. Prospects are very bright for No. 323.

To V. W. Bro. R. F. Richardson, who has so ably looked after the duties of District Secretary, and who has always taken a keen interest in Masonic matters in the district, I beg to return my sincere thanks for his assistance during the year.

In conclusion I would say that there are a number of lodges who ask candidates to sign the by-laws,, when, in fact, the by-laws are not even in the said book. Also that some lodges seem ignorant of the fact that a board of installed masters must be appointed.

These things I have pointed out and have suggested to all members a close study of the constitution.

I also desire to thank the district for the confidence given me at the last meeting of Grand Lodge, and for the many kindnesses shown me during my term of office. I shall always look back with a great deal of pleasure to the year spent throughout St. Clair district, No. 2. I bespeak for my successor the same cordial support.

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. ARGUE, D. D. G. M.,

St. Clair District, No. 2.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Table shewing the work done in St. Clair District, No. 2, from June 24th, 1909, to June 24th, 1910

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Membership: Total No. of all Mem.	Membership: Increase during year	Membership: Decrease during year	Degre's Conf'rd: E. A.	Degre's Conf'rd: F. C.	Degre's Conf'rd: M. M.	Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N.P.D.	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased	Meet'gs held: Regular	Meet'gs held: Emergent	Meet'gs held: Total	Average atten'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. me'b'rs 12 m'ths in arr'rs	Total of all arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W.M. work all degrees	Insurance
56	Victoria ..	Sarnia	227	9	..	10	10	9	5	..	3	..	..	4	10	5	15	38	$ 61 80	24	$234 50	Dec. 1909	good	excell't	Yes	Yes
81	St. Johns ..	Mt. Brydges ..	94	1	..	1	2	3	..	..	1	..	2	1	12	3	15	18	.	21	60 00	June 1909	fair	fair	Yes	$ 1500
83	Beaver ...	Strathroy . .	112	4	6	2	3	4	1	1	3	.	.	3	13	3	16	25	100 00	8	200 00	Dec. 1909	good	good	Yes	1000
116	Cassia. .	Thedford	43	2	..	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	13	1	14	15	.	4	30 00	June 1909	fair	fair	Yes	300
153	Burns	Wyoming....	104	6	3	6	6	5	..	..	..	3	..	..	14	1	15	22	55 00	8	80 00	Dec. 27, '09	good	good	Yes	1300
158	Alexandra	Oil Springs....	67	4	2	4	2	1	1	..	1	..	..	1	10	2	12	15	.....	18	72 00	Dec. 27, '09	good	good	Yes	2800
194	Petrolia ...	Petrolea.....	90	4	..	3	6	7	1	1	..	..	..	1	10	4	14	20	25 00	25	150 00	Jan. 7, 1910	fair	good	Yes	JOINTLY INSURED
238	Havelock .	Watford	70	5	6	3	3	4	1	1	3	1	..	2	12	4	16	14	.	10	112 25	Dec. 27, '09	fair	good	Yes	500
260	Wash'ton .	Petrolea.....	122	10	8	10	7	4	1	1	..	7	..	1	12	6	18	25	.....	10	50 00	June 24, '10	$500 cash	good	Yes	200
263	Forest.....	Forest.....	89	8	1	7	5	10	1	1	..	..	..	1	13	5	18	35	67 00	21	54 09	June 24, '09	fair	good	Yes	400
294	Moore	Courtright ...	52	5	..	5	4	4	..	..	2	..	..	..	10	3	13	14	.	10	59 00	Jan. 10, '10	good	good	Yes	none
307	Arkona....	Arkona.....	42	6	4	6	2	2	..	..	1	1	..	2	14	5	17	20	5 00	6	63 25	Dec. 27, '09	fair	good	Yes	200
323	Alvinston .	Alvinston . .	67	..	2	1	2	3	..	1	..	3	..	1	12	3	15	25	12 50	15	52 00	Dec. 27, '09	good	good	Yes	650
328	Ionic	Napier	41	3	..	1	6	6	2	..	..	..	..	..	14	1	15	13	.....	6	32 25	April, 1910	good	good	Yes	200
364	Dufferin...	Melbourne	49	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	1	12	9	.....	15	63 50	.....	.....	.....	Yes	600
392	Huron.....	Camlachie	71	2	2	2	2	3	..	..	1	1	..	..	14	1	15	16	53 00	33	111 00	Jan. 15, 1910	good	good	No	... .
397	Leopold ...	Brigden.....	62	6	2	6	6	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	11	2	13	17	.....	27	127 60	Feb. 24, 1910	good	good	Yes	100
419	Bismark...	Point Edward	75	3	1	3	4	5	..	..	1	..	..	..	12	..	12	10	.....	20	70 00	Dec. 1909	fair	unsettled	Yes	none
425	St. Clair...	Sombra.....	74	3	..	3	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	5	13	14	23 00	8	44 10	Jan. 20, 1910	TOTAL INDEBT. $2,407	good	No	2500
437	Tuscan	Sarnia	156	7	9	7	6	14	..	..	5	..	3	1	11	5	16	30	25 00	28	369 00	Dec. 31, '09	good	good	Yes	JOINTLY INSURED

LONDON DISTRICT NO. 3.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor of presenting my report on the condition of Masonry in London District No. 3 for the past year, and I take this opportunity of expressing my sincere thanks and appreciation for the high honor bestowed upon me by the brethren in electing me to the honorable office of District Deputy Grand Master.

I have to report that the condition of Masonry in this District is in splendid order. My first official duty was to appoint Bro. Charles G. Carlton as District Secretary and he has accompanied me on every occasion when visiting lodges officially. I made the Semi-Centennial Fund a strong point and impressed on the brethren the importance of getting it into better shape. I hope that the various lodges will comply; already two or three of the lodges have fully paid up.

St. Thomas Lodge No. 44, St. Thomas—Visited this lodge on Thursday, September 2nd. As this was my first official visit, I was acompanied by a large number of brethren from London, Nilestown, Lambeth. The first degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner by Worshipful Master, F. W. Judd, and he was ably supported by the Junior officers—it would be very unfair to mention any special one. I was introduced to the lodge by R. W. Bro. Harry Roe, and V. W. Bro. Midgley, the latter, if the Great Architect of the Universe will spare him until next April, will have served the craft for fifty years. The books in this lodge are splendidly kept.

Owing to the erection of a new Masonic Hall, a lunch was served in the lodge room and the speeches were quite in keeping with the occasion. The "Visitor's Toast" was replied to by R. W. Bro. Thomas Roe and W. Bro. Tancock, and others.

Corinthian Lodge No. 330, London East—Visited this lodge on Tuesday, September 7th, where I had the pleasure of seeing Worshipful Brother F. G. Tulett exemplify the Third Degree; too much praise cannot be given this lodge for the effective work. After the lodge closed the brethren sat down to a bounteous repast in the banqueting hall.

Merrill Lodge No. 344, Dorchester Station—Visited this lodge on Thursday, September 23rd. W. Bro. Dr. Banghart and his officers conferred the Second Degree on a candidate, and I was very much pleased with the Worshipful Master's and other officers' work and the candidate paid strict attention to the work and I feel sure Merrill Lodge have a very promising Mason in Bro. Campbell.

After the degree work was exemplified we were entertained to a splendid lunch, the members standing around and fraternizing in a manner which reflected credit on the Master and his Wardens.

Cameron Lodge, No. 232, Dutton—Paid my official visit to this lodge on September 29th. The First Degree was exemplified in a most commendable manner by W. Bro. W. Hockin and the work of opening and closing the several degrees was also very well done. Cameron Lodge has in its Secretary, W. Bro. A. E. Roberts, a very able man; not only are his books splendidly kept, but he is at all times willing to help the worshipful Master. The dues in this lodge are well collected and the lodge's prospects are excellent.

We afterwards retired to the banqueting hall where a splendid supper was served. A very pleasant time was brought to a close in the "wee sma' 'ours" of the morning.

King Solomon, No. 378, London—I paid my official visit to this lodge, October 14th, 1909, and was fortunate enough in catching W. Bro. McPherson at his very best. He and his officers exemplified the Third Degree in a manner that would impress the candidate with the solemnity of the Masonic ceremony as long as he lives. The charge was delivered by W. Bro. A. M. Trick in a very creditable manner, in

fact this lodge was distinguished by many Past Masters being present, including R. W. Bro. E. T. Essery, V. W. Bro. T. G. Davis, and many others.

After the lodge closed a sumptuous and most enjoyable supper was held in the banqueting hall and the proceedings were enlivened by vocal and instrumental selections during the evening. Excellent addresses were made by R. W. Bro. E. T. Essery, and W. Bro. the Very Reverend Dean Davis. There were a number of friends from Nilestown, Belmont and Lambeth.

Moffatt Lodge, No. 399, Harrietsville—I paid my official visit to this lodge, October 27th, and what I have said of other lodges in a general sense might well be repeated of Moffatt Lodge. The First and Second Degrees were exemplified in a manner which merited the greatest praise and the candidate in each degree gave evidence of the careful training in the ground work of the Craft. W. Bro. F. J. York and his officers deserve the highest praise for the manner in which they put on these degrees.

The Worshipful Master of Aylmer, was present on the occasion and brought with him several brethren including a candidate who was fortunate enough to get the degree exemplified by the Worshipful Master, F. J. York.

There is a large room downstairs used for local concerts and banquets, to which we retired and Moffatt Lodge is noted throughout the District for supplying the inner man with all the good things. The ladies, as usual, waited on the brethren and the hearty vote of thanks accorded them was really a poor way of expressing their appreciation of the excellent manner in which they were entertained. We again retired to the lodge room where R. W. Bro. J. W. Metherall, P.D.D.G.M. of this District, gave an enthusiastic speech touching on the duties that Masons owed to one another as well as to the rest of the world, which was listened to with marked attention. We closed a very enjoyable evening after midnight.

St. George's, No. 42, London—Visited this lodge on Thursday, November 4th. I have had many op-

portunities during the year of witnessing the work as performed by the Worshipful Master, Dr. S. P. Reynolds and his officers. The work has been usually good and I need not particularize in any way. On this occasion the Third Degree was exemplified and I was very much pleased by the way the candidate had been instructed. Many distinguished brethren were present on this occasion, including R. W. Bro. Thomas Rowe, R. W. Bro. J. W. Metherall, R. W. Bro. E. T. Essery and others.

Nilestown lodge No. 345, Nilestown—I visited the above lodge and I might say, my mother lodge, on Tuesday, November 23rd, and witnessed two First Degrees exemplified by the Worshipful Master, John R. Staples in a very interesting manner. It was indeed a pleasure for me to witness the work in my mother lodge and I feel proud of every officer at Nilestown. They are endeavoring to give their utmost attention to the ground work and the effect was excellent.

A splendid supper was afterwards supplied by the ladies of Nilestown, who always are very capable of providing for the wants of the inner man. The toast of the Grand Lodge was responded to by R. W. Bro. Metherall, R. W. Bro. R. F. O'Neil and myself. The toast of the "Visiting Brethren" was ably responded to by Bro. J. M. McEvoy, W. Bro. Hugh McPherson, and others.

St. Paul's Lodge, No. 107, Lambeth—My official visit to this lodge was on Wednesday, November 24th. There was a large attendance present to greet me. The work was an Entered Apprentice Degree, which was exemplified by W. Bro. C. L. Birtwhistle and his officers, most creditably. The books in this lodge are splendidly kept by Bro. Harry Pool and I was very well satisfied with my reception at this lodge. A sumptuous banquet followed. Among the visitors who accompanied me on this occasion were: R. W. Bro. E. T. Essery, R. W. Bro. Morris, and W. Bros. S. P. Reynolds, David Lawson and J. R. Staples.

Belmont Lodge, No. 190, Belmont—Visited this lodge on Friday, November 26th. The Second Degree was very beautifully exemplified by W. Bro.

Chas. Luton on Brother McGill. I was very much pleased with the candidate when presented. He not only answered the questions correctly but in a manner not heard before, and also had the obligation of his First Degree. I understand he is a High School teacher in Belmont, and this lodge is to be heartily congratulated on having such a valuable acquisition to its numbers.

We afterwards retired and were entertained at Bro. Charles' Hotel, where a very excellent banquet was partaken of, after which the usual speeches were enjoyed. The principal speakers were: W. Bros. Birtwhistle, Montellar, Krinklaw, Fred York, Ed. Facer, Bros. McVicar and Carlton. The toast of Belmont Lodge was ably responded to by W. Bros. Chas. Luton and others.

A Lodge of Instruction was held in the City of St. Thomas on Wednesday, May 11, for the benefit of London District No. 3, and as this was the first held for some years it was very largely attended. I feel confident that the brethren of this District appreciated the work as exemplified by the various lodges. It was held under the auspices of St. David's Lodge No. 302, St. Thomas, and St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44.

The lodge opened in the First Degree at 1.50 p. m. The visiting brethren were duly welcomed by R. W. Bro. Fred Guest, the Mayor of the City of St. Thomas, who pointed out that he was glad to see so many brethren present, but owing to the death of His Late Majesty, King Edward VII., at one time Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, the banquet which had been prepared would be dispensed with. W. Bro. Geddes also spoke very feelingly and kindly respecting His Late Majesty, and his remarks were well received and appreciated.

The business was then handed over to W. Bro. J. Moran, W. M. of Union Lodge No. 380, London, with Bro. Ben Brighton, S. W.; A. E. Somerville, J. W.; Reg. Johnston, S. D.; A. Flowers, J. D.; F. F. Simmons, I. G.; Wor. Bro. H. Stratfold, Chaplain; Wor. Bro. Ben Noble, D. of C. This degree was put on in a very excellent manner, and I was

glad to notice the close attention the brethren gave throughout the afternoon and evening. This, at all times, helps the officers greatly, especially on such occasions. The lodge was duly closed in the First Degree at 3.45 p.m.

The Second Degree opened by St. David's Lodge, No. 302, St. Thomas at 3.50 p.m., with W. Bro. George E. Hill acting as W. M. for W. Bro. Gough, who unfortunately was ill, and who received the sympathies of the brethren present; E. S. Brown, S. W.; H. E. Stephenson, J. W.; W. E. Cook, S. D.; Geo. E. Stephenson, J. D.; Thomas E. Mallory, I. G.; Wor. Bro. F. J. Voaden, Chaplain; W. H. Stapleton, S. S.; R. C. Deolin, J. S. The Second Degree was duly closed at 5.20 p.m., and lodge was called off at 5.30.

Lodge was duly called on again at 7.45 p.m., when a reception was given to the M. W. the Grand Master, Judge D. F. Macwatt, and other Grand Lodge officers consisting of the R. W. Bros. Thomas Rowe, Grand Senior Warden; P. W. D. Broderick, J. W. Metherall, J. A. Tancock, Dr. F. Guest, R. F. Guest, Harry Roe, Sam Dubber, L. Slater, E. T. Essery, and J. C. Elliott, V. W. Bros. E. W. M. Flock, W. S. Davidson, H. Stratfold, and T. G. Davis. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree at 8.40 p.m., by the officers of St. Mark's Lodge, No. 97, Port Stanley, with W. Bro. R. A. Catherwood, W. M.; Charles McIntyre, S. W.; H. M. Ellison, J. W.; Wm. G. Payne, S. D.; Edgar Erneshaw, J. D.; Lee Lloyd, I. G.

The work in all three degrees was brilliant and it would be very unfair to either of the lodges to make any distinctions, and the close attention given by the brethren is the best indication of its proficiency. The M. W. the Grand Master spoke at some length on the work of our District, and was glad that the Lodge of Instruction had been revived by London District No. 3. He also dealt very feelingly and touchingly respecting the death of His Late Majsety King Edward VII., and his remarks were listened to with the keenest of interest.

R. W. Bro. J. H. Argue, D.D.G.M., St. Clair District, No. 2, also R. W. J. C. Elliott, D. D. G. M., of Erie District No. 1, spoke at some length, and many other brethren too numerous to mention. The lodge closed in harmony at 10.50 p.m., after which the brethren were entertained to a light lunch, provided by the brethren of St. Thomas.

I desire to thank the brethren of this District for turning out in such large numbers. Among the distinguished visitors special mention might be made of Bro. Rev. Professor Jeakins, Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Quebec; Bro. Rev. Professor Waller, M. A., of Tuscan Lodge, London, and R. W. Bro. J. W. Metherall, P.D.D.G.M., of this District.

I visited St. John's Lodge, No. 209A, on Friday, January 7, 1910, and saw the First Degree exemplified by W. Bro. Jared Vining. I was fortunate enough to witness the W. Master at his best, and thoroughly enjoyed the work. The charge was given by W. Bro. O'Brien in a very impressive manner, and I am sure Bro. W. M. Whinnett will always remember his First Degree. V. W. Bro. J. A. Smith presented W. Bro. D. Bowen with a very beautiful Past Master's Jewel.

The books of this lodge are kept by W. Bro. Jas. A. Keenleyside, and are in such good shape as to call for the commendation of the District Secretary. Among the Past Masters present were V. W. Bro. J. A. Smith, W. Bros. T. A. Rowat, A. Carrothers, W. Line, J. Wilson, W. C. Southcott, Dan. Bowen and W. M. O'Brien.

St. Mark's Lodge, No. 94, Port Stanley.—I visited this lodge on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 1910. The Third Degree was exemplified on Bro. Henderson by W. Bro. Catherwood. I was so impressed by the manner of the work, not only by the Master, but his officers that I decided, should a Lodge of Instruction be held, I would invite this lodge to put on the Third Degree. The Master was assisted by W. Bros. W. Mitchell, Wm. R. Woollatt, W. H. Farr and A. Taylor. The work of the officers deserves special mention and it

would be very unfair to make any special mention of a particular brother.

After the work of the evening we retired to the Loney House, and were entertained to another treat. After a sumptuous banquet had been partaken of, the remainder of the evening was spent in speech and song. The toast to the Grand Lodge of Canada was replied to by the D. D. G. M. "Canada and Her Parliament," was replied to by Bro. Jackson, ex-M.P., and Bro. Ferguson, and the "Brotherhood of Masonry" was replied to by V. W. Bro. Mitchell, Bro. Cornell and Bro. Sanderson.

Doric Lodge, No. 289, Lobo—Visited this lodge on Thursday, January 20. There being no work before the lodge, the Master opened and closed in the First, Second and Third Degrees. After which we were entertained to a very interesting address in the lodge room by R. W. Bro. J. W. Metherall, P. D. D. G. M. We then retired to the lower hall, and were entertained to a banquet as only Doric lodge can supply. I was accompanied on this occasion by R. W. Bros. Metherall, and Bros. A. E. Somerville and Carlton.

Warren Lodge, No. 120, Fingal—I visited this lodge on Tuesday, January 25, and witnessed the Second Degree by W. Bro. Francis. Several Past Masters graced the East, and visitors from St. Thomas, Port Stanley and Dutton were present. After the work of the evening we were entertained at a Brother's house and a very pleasant evening was spent by all.

Union Lodge, No. 380, London—I visited this lodge on Monday, February 14. I witnessed the First Degree exemplified in a very able manner by W Bro. John Moran, he and his officers deserve special mention for the painstaking manner in which the work was done. Perhaps one might mention the work of the Junior Warden as above the average. We were afterwards entertained in the banquet hall. Among the speakers were R. W. Bro. J. W. Metherall, W. Bros. Jordan of Dutton, and Fletcher of Nilestown. Bros. Hooper and Haslett favored the brethren with songs.

St. David's Lodge, No. 302, St. Thomas—Visited this lodge on Thursday, February 17, and was accompanied by a large contingent of London brethren. W. Bro. Gough and his officers exemplified the Second Degree in a most excellent manner on Bro. McPherson. I was greatly charmed by the ease and grace with which this lodge performed its work, and Bro. McPherson's answers to the questions were given in a manner that I have not heard excelled in this district. The books are magnificently kept by Bro. Fred Lewis. Not a blot or stain mars the whole set. St. David's Lodge has kept him at his post for many years. Among the distinguished brethren that graced the East were: R. W. Bro. Fred Guest, Mayor of St. Thomas; W. Bros. Joseph C. Spencer, Geo. E. Hill, Chas. Scrase, Jr., and Henning. After the work of the evening the brethren retired to the banquet hall and enjoyed the hospitality of the brethren of St. Thomas. The toast to the Grand Lodge of Canada was replied to by R. W. Bros. E. T. Essery, Harry Roe, and Fred Guest.

King Solomon's Lodge, No. 394, Tnamesford—I made my official visit to this lodge on Wednesday, February 23. W. Bro. David Morrison and his officers are to be congratulated on the very excellent work which was much appreciated by a large turnout of members and brethren, many of whom drove long distances. King Solomon Lodge presented W. Bro. J. W. Smith with a beautiful Past Master's apron for faithful services in the past.

After the work of the evening was dispensed with the brethren were entertained to a sumptuous repast. The toast list was very lengthy, many lodges being represented. The toast to the Grand Lodge was replied to by R. W. Bro. O'Neil, and V. W. Bro. Patterson, W. Bro. H. Stratfold replied for the visitors. The toast to King Solomon Lodge was most ably replied to by W. Bros. David Morrison and others.

St. John's Lodge, No. 20, London—Visited this Lodge on Tuesday, March 8, 1910. W. Bro. Calhoun was in the chair. I had the pleasure of witnessing the Second Degree which was given in a most brilliant manner. St. John's Lodge No. 20, should justly be

proud of their officers. I might add that this is the only lodge in the whole District wherein I could not criticize any of the officers, the work being done exceedingly well. This lodge has recently lost a very dear and valued brother, their late Secretary, Colonel M. D. Dawson, London. The lodge was exceedingly fortunate, however in obtaining the services of W. Bro. James O. Weldon; his untiring efforts will be a great benefit to the lodge, and it is my earnest wish he may long be spared to enjoy the respect and love of the brethren of London District No. 3.

We then retired to the banquet hall, where the Fourth Degree was partaken of, and was done ample justice to. After which a most pleasant hour was spent in speech and song. R. W. Bro. Thos .Rowe, G. S. W. was present, and amongst the visiting brethren were: Bros. A. S. Grocott, and J. W. Houston, of Toronto. The Junior Warden's toast brought the evening to a close.

Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64.—My official visit was paid to this lodge on the evening of the regular meeting, Friday, April 15, and I received a cordial welcome from the W. M., Bro. G. Steele. No words of mine can adequately express my satisfaction at the support extended by the brethren to their Worshipful Master. The work of the evening, the First Degree, was performed in a proficient manner, and I was pleased to express my entire approval. The books are splendidly kept by Bro. R. W. Glover. A banquet followed which was fully in keeping with the other proceedings of the evening. Amongst the visitors were W. Bros. Dr. Zeigler, Alex. Gillean, Bros. Navier and Hooper.

Henderson Lodge, No. 388, Ilderton.— I visited this lodge on Monday, April 19, and was most heartily received by W. Bros. Taylor, Dr. McNeil and Morgan. I had the pleasure of witnessing the Second Degree, and feel confident that after one or two more rehearsals the officers will be able to exemplify the work equally as well as any other lodge. But I had to call their attention to opening up. I pointed out the importance of opening the lodge at the time stated on

the summons. This enables the brethren to get away to their homes at a respectable hour. I spent a very pleasant evening, however, and hope to return to visit this lodge in the near future.

Middlesex Lodge, No. 379, Bryanston— Visited this lodge on Wednesday, April 20, and had the pleasure of witnessing degree work on two candidates by W. Bro. W. A. Roberts, and W. Bro. Thos. H. Needham, in an excellent manner. The candidates were especially well posted and deserve credit. Afterwards we were entertained at the home of one of the brethren, which I must admit was the most sumptuous repast I have ever enjoyed. Amongst the distinguished brethren were Bros. Rev. Hibbert and W. Bro. Harding of Thorndale; Bro. Arkell, London; Bro. Dr. Munroe, Howard Lodge, Ridgetown.

Delaware Valley Lodge, No. 358, Delaware—I visited this lodge on Friday, April 22, the meeting being well attended by the members. There were several visiting brethren present from London and other places. W. Bro. A. D. McKellar, opened and closed the lodge in the First, Second and Third Degrees to my entire satisfaction. We then retired to the Fraleigh House and were entertained in a very hospitable manner.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 195, London—I visited this Lodge on Monday, May 2. The attendance was very large and I believe it is always large at this lodge. W. Bro. Alex. Gillean and W. Bro. Dr. Zeigler and their staff of officers exemplified the First Degree on one candidate in a faultless manner. The charge was given very earnestlly by W. Bro. J. H. McKillop, and was listened to very attentively. Every officer seemed anxious to do his best to make the work impressive. Amongst the distinguished brethren present were R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, and Bro. Grocotte, Toronto and R. W. Bro. Metherall, of London, and many others.

Malahide Lodge, No. 140, Aylmer.—I paid my official visit to this lodge on Wednesday, May 18. I was received in a very cordial manner by W. Bros. J. R. Woods and J. L. Millard. The Master, W.

Bro. E. A. Richards is a very hard worker and is ably supported by all his officers and brethren. The best of harmony prevails and the banner of Masonry is being successfully carried forward. The First Degree was rendered in a faultless manner. The charge was given by W. Bro. J. H. Dalton. The books are excellently kept by W. Bro. J. R. Woods. I had the privilege of taking some members of my own lodge on this occasion, Bros. Bert Hoyt, Geo. Jackson, Wm. Langford, Bros A. E. Somerville, Harry Fowler and W. Bro. Ben Noble.

The evening was brought to a close with speeches and songs in keeping with the occasion.

Mt. Olivet Lodge, No. 300, Thorndale—I paid my official visit to this lodge on Monday, May 23, and was received in a cordial manner by W. Bro. R. H. Harding. I had the pleasure of witnessing him open and close in the First, Second and Third Degrees. A little more rehearsal by the officers of this lodge would not be out of place.

Prince of Wales Lodge, Lawrence Station—Visited this lodge on Friday, May 27. Here again there was no regular work before the lodge and I asked the Master to open and close in the three Degrees, which he did to my entire satisfaction. Some excellent speeches were then given by W. Bro. Jordan, of Cameron Lodge, No. 232, Dutton; Bro. Bond, St. Thomas, No. 44, and the supper supplied by the latter in the hall was greatly appreciated. Speeches by W. Bros. J. C. Lowther, J. A. McIntyre, Archie McDougall, Weldon, and Bros. Angus Murray, S.W.; and Dr. Ellis, J. W. The lodge has in the two latter brethren, officers of excellent quality. This being my last visit it was especially happy for me to be received in such a cordial manner, and entertained so right royally.

In closing this report, permit me to heartily thank the brethren of London District, No. 3, for the kindness shown me during my term of office and especially I wish to thank, R. W. Bro. J. W. Metherall, P. D. D. G. M., and other P. D. D. G. Ms. for so kindly helping me and rendering me valuable assist-

ance in the discharge of my official duties. I feel that in this brief report I have overlooked many who should receive special commendation at my hands. I cannot express my thanks adequately enough to W. Bro. Chas. Carlton, my District Secretary. Without his services my lot would have been really hard. In surrendering the gavel of office to my successor I feel I am handing over to him a progressive District in a very satisfactory condition, and I trust he will receive the hearty support and good fellowship which has been so generously given me.

Fraternally submitted.

J. W. WALLACE, D.D.G.M.,
London District, No. 3.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table shewing the work done in London District, No. 3, from June 24th, 1909, to June 24th, 1910

Number of Lodge	NAME OF LODGE	LOCATION	Membership: Total No. of all Mem.	Membership: Increase during year	Membership: Decrease during year	Degree's Conf'd: E. A.	Degree's Conf'd: F. C.	Degree's Conf'd: M. M.	Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N.P.D.	Suspensions other causes	Deceased	Meet'gs held: Regular	Meet'gs held: Emergent	Meet'gs held: Total	Average atten'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. me'brs 12 m'ths in arr'rs	Total of all arrearages	Date of last G. L. return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W.M. work all degrees	Insurance
20	St. Johns ..	London	267	16	..	13	12	9	3	..	..	..	..	7	12	7	19	60	140 00	82	246 60	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	joint
42	St. George's.	London	149	7	4	6	6	3	1	..	..	1	..	3	10	3	13	25	60 00	6	26 00	Dec. 31, '09	Good	Good	Yes	joint
44	St. Thomas..	St. Thomas	307	33	9	23	22	23	12	..	5	..	..	3	14	11	25	(1	81 15	104	225 00	Dec. 31, '09	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00
64	Kilwinning .	London	214	..	..	11	14	10	2	..	2	8	..	3	10	7	17	30	121 40	15	90 00	Dec. 31, '09	Good	Good	Yes	joint
94	St. Mark's ..	Pt. Stanley	70	9	..	6	6	6	2	5	1	4	..	2	14	..	14	16	65 00	..	3 00	Dec. 31, '09	Good	Good	Yes	
107	St. Paul's ..	Lambeth	76	5	1	4	4	3	1	..	1	..	..	..	13	..	13	24	5 00	12	90 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	v'y good	Yes	2000 00
120	Warren	Fingal	54	4	4	3	3	3	1	..	4	..	..	1	0	1	11	10	....	15	45 85	Dec. 27, '09	Fair	Fair	Yes	
140	Malahide ...	Aylmer	113	15	8	12	9	7	1	..	6	..	..	2	14	5	19	30	185 00	18	190 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00
171	P. of Wales.	Lawrence Sta....	40	3	2	3	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	13	..	13	12	....	20	60 00	June 24, '09	Good	Good	Yes	100 00
190	Belmont	Belmont	71	4	5	4	3	3	..	..	2	..	..	1	14	..	4	25	....	15	95 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	800 00
195	Tuscan	London	97	17	3	14	12	7	3	..	2	..	..	1	11	4	15	22	45 30	..	10 00	June 24, '09	Good	Good	Yes	joint
209a	St. John's ..	London	324	10	..	15	15	17	3	..	4	3	..	1	11	10	21	60	127 40	6	....	June 24, '09	Good	Good	Yes	joint
232	Cameron	Dutton	63	..	..	5	5	4	1	..	6	..	..	..	13	..	13	6	10 00	35	80 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
289	Doric	Lobo	46	3	3	3	2	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	12	1	13	11	.....	13	42 50	Dec. 27, '09	Fair	Fair	Yes	700 00
300	Mt. Olivet ..	Thorndale	54	6	1	6	3	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	13	5	18	13	5 00	4	18 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	3000 00
302	St. David's..	St. Thomas	242	26	..	24	19	14	1	2	3	4	..	..	2	13	25	35	25 00	93	282 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00
330	Corinthian .	London	180	9	4	9	10	9	..	2	2	..	..	2	12	2	14	46	50 00	12	57 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	joint
344	Merrill	Dorchester	49	3	4	2	3	4	..	1	2	2	..	..	13	2	15	14	2 00	4	11 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
345	Nilestown ..	Nilestown	60	6	..	2	2	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	12	2	14	20	5 00	3	97 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	850 00
358	Del. Valley.	Delaware																								
378	K. Solomon.	London	170	23	6	20	20	0	3	..	1	4	..	2	11	12	23	50	125 00	..	20 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	joint
379	Middlesex ...	Bryanston	37	3	..	3	3	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	12	..	12	14	.....	11	50 00	Apl. '10	Good	Good	Yes	250 00
380	Union	London	224	9	..	15	13	10	1	..	1	2	..	4	12	6	18	35	106 50	50	190 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	joint
388	Henderson .	Ilderton																								
394	K. Solomon.	Thamesford	75	7	3	6	5	5	1	..	..	2	..	1	12	3	15	24	5 00	9	67 00	July 4, '10	Good	Excel'nt	Yes	2100 00
399	Moffatt	Harrietsville	48	7	..	7	7	9	..	1	2	..	..	..	14	1	15	20	....	4	83 25	June 24, '09	Good	Good	Yes	

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT NO. 4.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in the District of South Huron, No. 4, for the past year. My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. Rev. Jas. Avery of Granton Lodge to act as District Chaplain. I did not appoint a District Secretary, as I desired to keep in touch with the lodges myself.

I addressed a letter to each of the lodges in my district, urging the claims of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, and impressed upon them the necessity of paying their quota to Grand Lodge in connection with this matter at once. I am glad to say that a number of the lodges have complied with my request, and others have made substantial contributions to that fund, so that ere long I hope to see every lodge in the district on the honor roll of Grand Lodge.

I have visited every lodge in the district and found almost invariably the work to be uniform in character and the W. Ms. and officers filling the different offices with dignity and ability. Harmony prevails and the district is in a most prosperous condition.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

A lodge of instruction was held at St. Mary's on the 26th of May, under the auspices of St. James' Lodge, No. 73, and St. Mary's, U.D. A large number were present. Lodge was opened at 2.30 p.m., with W. Bro. S. W. Eady and officers of St. James', No. 73, in the chair, who conferred the First Degree in a splendid manner.

The Second Degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Delamere and officers of Stratford Lodge, No. 332, Stratford, in a manner to call forth the warmest commendation from the members present, after which the

lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 7.30 in the evening.

At the evening session the first order of business was the reception to the M. W. the Grand Master, Judge Macwatt, and visiting P.D.D.G.Ms., of which there were a number present. The Grand Master received a most enthusiastic welcome from the one hundred and fifty members present, this being his first official visit in the district since his elevation to that high and important office. W. Bro. Poole, on behalf of the officers and members of St. James lodge, No. 73, and St. Mary's, U.D., presented the M. W. the Grand Master with a beautiful embossed address of welcome, to which the Grand Master responded in a suitable manner.

The Third Degree was then exemplified by W. Bro. J. A. McFadgen and officers of Tecumseh lodge, No. 144, Stratford in a most excellent manner. Discussion followed, after which interesting addresses were delivered by the M. W. the Grand Master and others. Refreshments were served and an instructive and profitable function brought to a close.

To the W. Ms. and officers of Tecumseh, No. 144, Stratford, No. 332, St. James, No. 73, St. Mary's, U.D., and particularly to Bro. Dr. Copeland, acting District Secretary, my thanks are due for the splendid assistance given me in bringing this Lodge of Instruction to such a successful issue.

OFFICIAL VISITS

Clinton Lodge, No. 84, Clinton—Visited this lodge on Dec. 3rd, 1909. This was my first official visit in the district. I found the lodge-room well filled with members and visitors, a number being in attendance from Britannia Lodge, No. 170, Seaforth, headed by R. W. Bro. R. E. Cooper, P.D.D.G.M., who gave me a cordial and enthusiastic reception. This is a beautiful lodge room recently refitted and refurnished. and has splendid facilities for putting on the work of the degrees. I found the Secretary's books neatly and correctly kept, and altogether prospects are very bright for its future. I was particularly pleased to see such a large number of P. Ms. present, which is very encouraging to the W. M. and his officers and worthy of emulation by every lodge in the district.

The Third Degree was conferred on a splendidly-prepared candidate by W. Bro. H. McBrien and his officers in a very excellent manner and quite in keeping with the reputation of this lodge, the home of R. W. Bro. Dr. Gray, whose labors in the past have no doubt assisted very materially in bringing the work of this lodge to such a high state of perfection.

An interesting discussion on the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund took place, which I trust will stimulate the brethren to renewed efforts, after which a pleasant hour was spent around the festive board, where the usual Masonic toasts were duly honored and good-fellowship held sway.

Zurich Lodge, No. 224, Hensall—I visited this lodge officially on Jan. 24th, 1910, accompanied by Bro. B. W. Stanley of Lucan. I was introduced to the officers and members by W. Bros. Macarthur and Cook, and received a fraternal welcome from the large number of members and visitors. The W. M., W. Bro. Doherty, Anglican minister of that place, exemplified the Third Degree on a particularly well-prepared candidate in a manner not surpassed during my official tour. The Wardens and other officers were most capable and rendered the W. M, very material assistance in the exemplification of the work.

The books are well and neatly kept by the Secretary, Bro. Bonthron, and the lodge is in a splendid financial condition.

I addressed them on the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, urging the appointment of a committee to press the matter, and was assured by the W. M. that it would be dealt with at once and the lodge's quota paid in without further delay. An adjournment was then made to Bro. Palmer's restaurant, where a pleasant hour was spent.

New Dominion Lodge, No. 205, New Hamburg—Visited this lodge officially on Jan. 31st, 1910. On my arrival I was met by P.D.D.G.M. R. W. Bro. Holley, whose guest I was during my stay, and who entertained me most hospitably. I was received most cordially by the officers and members, being introduced by R. W. Bro. Holley and W. Bro. Kerr.

The work of the evening was the Initiatory Degree, which was fairly well put on by W. Bro. Dr. Marty and his officers, assisted by W. Bro. Sutherland. W. Bro. Mallion of Stratford presented the working tools in a very correct manner. The J. W. had his work well in hand, but the S. W. was unavoidably absent through illness. His place, however, was well filled by a P. M. The S. D. is a very capable officer and does his work admirably.

This lodge has made good progress towards paying its quota to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund and promises to complete it at an early date. At the close of the lodge a banquet was provided and a pleasant hour spent in social intercourse.

Morning Star, No. 309, Carlow—I paid my official visit to this lodge on Feb. 7th, in company with Dr. Turnbull, W. M. of Maitland Lodge, No. 33, Goderich, and was fraternally received by the W. M., officers and members, W. Bro. Jackson having very kindly called an emergent meeting for my convenience. There being no work, the W. M., at my request, with the assistance of his officers, opened and closed in the three degrees in a very creditable manner. The membership of this lodge is not large, but they are most enthusiastic, and bright prospects are in store for them in the future. I regret to report the absence of Lieut.-Col. Varcoe, the efficient Secretary, through illness, and to whose energy in the past much of the success of this lodge is due.

The claims of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund were urged, and I was assured the matter would be dealt with at once and assessment paid.

Refreshments were served and a pleasant time spent.

Maitland Lodge, No. 33, Goderich—My official visit was paid to this lodge on Feb. 8th, and I was received most cordially by the W. M., W. Bro. Dr. Turnbull, and a large attendance of members and visitors. The work of the evening was the Sublime Degree, which was conferred on a son of one of the old P. Ms. of the lodge by W. Bro. Dr. Turnbull and his officers in an almost faultless manner. The work of the W. M. was accurately and impressively rendered, the wardens well nigh perfect and the floor work ex-

cellent. Altogether this is one of the best working lodges in my district.

I have pleasure to report that steps are being taken for the erection of a new Masonic Temple, which will be a credit to this western district, and tenders will be called for its erection at an early date.

The Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund was fully discussed, and I received assurance that their quota would be paid forthwith.

I desire to express my appreciation of the many kindnesses and courtesies extended to me during my visit by W. Bro. Dr. Turnbull, who entertained me most hospitably at his residence.

At the close of the lodge a splendid banquet followed, where speech and song held sway and many pleasantries were indulged in, the J. W.'s toast terminating one of the most delightful evenings during my official tour.

Stratford Lodge, No. 332, Stratford—On Feb. 14th I visited this lodge officially and was greeted by a large attendance of members and visitors, who received me most cordially. The lodge-room, while being large and attractive, has some disadvantages which make it unsuitable, and they hope very shortly to have more satisfactory quarters. It is used jointly by Stratford and Tecumseh lodges, the two strongest in the district, who work most harmoniously and are extraordinarily progressive.

The Third Degree was put on for my inspection by W. Bro. Delamere and his officers in an admirable manner, and brought forth the warmest commendations from myself and the visitors present. Altogether a splendid set of officers is in line for the Master's chair, and I predict a very bright future for Stratford lodge. The Secretary's books are well and neatly kept and finances carefully looked after by Bro. F. J. Scarff.

At the close of the lodge a splendid banquet was served, W. Bro. Delamere making a most capable toast-master. Excellent speeches were delivered by prominent Masons, R. W. Bro. Malcolm, W. Bro. Rev. Cluff, R. W. Bro. Rev. J. W. Hodgins, Past Grand Chaplain, who gave a most excellent discourse on the aims and objects of the Semi-Centennial Fund,

W. Bro. McFadgen and many others. (I am very glad to report that since my official visit Stratford lodge has paid its full quota to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, and is now on the honor roll of Grand Lodge.)

Irving Lodge, No. 154, Lucan—This being my mother lodge, I had the honor, as well as the pleasure, to install the W. M., W. Bro. McVicar, and invest the officers on St. John's day, Dec. 27th, assisted very ably by W. Bros. Murdy, Fox and Dr. Orme.

On Feb. 17th I visited officially and was greeted by the largest attendance of members and visitors in the history of the lodge, who received me most warmly and enthusiastically. Visitors were present from Stratford, Parkhill, Woodstock, London, Granton, and from almost every place in the district.

A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation of a W. M.'s chain collar to the lodge by a number of the P.Ms., accompanied by an address suitable to the occasion, which was read by W. Bro. Dr. Orme, and to which W. Bro. McVicar replied in a fitting manner, at the same time thanking me in connection with the presentation. It is with a pardonable pride that I may be permitted to refer to this as one of the best working lodges in the district, and in the hands of the present officers its best traditions are being well maintained. The Third Degree was exemplified in an accurate and impressive manner by the W. M. and officers on a candidate well prepared for advancement. The work of the wardens and the S. D. and I. G. was especially well done, and was most pleasing to myself and visitors.

A most elaborate banquet was provided in the Stanley Opera House, to which full justice was done by the large gathering, after which eloquent speeches were delivered by many of the brethren and visitors. Readings by Mr. Fred Porte and songs by Bros. Babb, Braunton and Rev. Mr. Carlisle were interspersed.

Granton Lodge, No. 483, Granton—I officially visited this lodge on Feb. 21st, 1910, and was very cordially welcomed by the W. M., A. J. Clatworthy, members and visitors, a large number being present from Lucan, Parkhill and other places.

The First Degree was exemplified by the W. M. and officers, ably assisted by W. Bro. Dann, in a very satisfactory manner. The work of the wardens was particularly well done, especially the lecture by the J. W. Rev. Bro. Cornish as J. D. was a capable officer, and the I. G. was also efficient. This is one of the youngest lodges in my district, but under the careful supervision of W. Bros. Rev. Avery and Drs. Lang and Dann is making splendid progress and taking its place among the foremost lodges in the district.

A most enjoyable banquet was served at the close of the lodge, which was all the more pleasing in that the wives, daughters and sweethearts of the members were present. A splendid programme of songs, speeches, etc., followed, during which W. Bro. Rev. Avery gave a most eloquent address on Masonry, which was thoroughly enjoyed.

Doric Lodge, No. 233, Parkhill.—I had the pleasure of visting this lodge officially at their regular meeting, March 22nd, 1910. I was accompanied by a large delegation from Irving, No. 154, Lucan, including the W. M. and all the officers of the lodge. R. W. Bro. Moody, P.D.D.G.M. of Erie District; W. Bro. Mallion of Tecumseh, Stratford, W. Bro. Clatworthy and many other prominent visitors, were also present. I was introduced by R. W. Bro. W. Dawson, P. D. D. G. M., South Huron, No. 4, and W. Bro. Fraser, and received in true fraternal style by the large gathering. This lodge is in a very prosperous condition. They have very recently had their lodge-room renovated and re-decorated, and now have one of the neatest and best equipped lodge rooms in the district. They have a large number of zealous P. Ms., including R. W. Bro. W. Dawson, who is a most regular attendant, and to whom much of the success of this lodge is due. The Secretary, W. Bro. F. T. Zapfe, is a splendid officer, and his books are models of neatness. The Sublime Degree was conferred by W. Bro. T. Newell and his officers in a very satisfactory manner. The wardens were most capable and the S. D., Bro. H. McColl, is a splendid officer. This lodge is making very earnest efforts on behalf of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, and assure me their quota will soon be paid.

A most elaborate banquet was served at the Hastings House, where the usual Masonic toasts were duly honored by the silvery-tongued orators for which the town is famous, together with songs by Bros. Humphries, Babb and many others.

Blyth Lodge, No. 303, Blyth—I visited this lodge at their regular meeting, March 29th, and was greeted by a large and representative gathering of members and visitors, who gave me a warm fraternal greeting. Owing to the absence of the W. M., W. Bro. Hamilton, who has removed from the district permanently, the lodge was in charge of W. Bro. Watson, and, as was to be expected, was in capable hands. The lodge-room is neat, bright and attractive and the members enthusiastic in the work, the Secretary being a most capable officer. Three candidates were presented for advancement and passed to the Second Degree by W. Bros. Watson, Scott and R. W. Bro. Tierney, respectively, in an impressive manner. The Wardens had their work well in hand, the S. W. giving his lecture in an excellent manner. The floor work was quite in keeping with the rest of the work. I received assurance from the acting W. M. that the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund would receive prompt attention, and before the close of my term of office I hope to see this lodge have its quota fully paid. A banquet followed to the members and visitors in Bro. Struther's restaurant, and a pleasant hour was spent.

Britannia Lodge, No. 170, Seaforth—I paid my official visit to this lodge on April 4th, 1910, and was accompanied from Stratford by R. W. Bro. Rev. J. W. Hodgins, Past Grand Chaplain, who still retains his membership in Britannia, and W. Bro. Mallion of Tecumseh. Here I received one of the most enthusiastic welcomes that was given me during my official tour. This being the home of the I.P.D.D.G.M., R. W. Bro. Dr. R. E. Cooper, and also of R. W. Bro. Read and V. W. Bro. Ballantyne, it is needless to add that nothing was left undone to make my visit a pleasant one. The attendance was large, many visitors being present, and the lodge-room is one of the neatest and best equipped in the district.

The Secretary, W. Bro. L. Jackson, is one of the most efficient in my district, and keeps his books in

splendid shape. The work of the evening was the E. A. Degree, which was conferred by W. Bro. H. Jeffries and his officers in a manner to bring forth my warmest commendation. This lodge owes its prosperity to the zeal and untiring energies of its excellent staff of P. Ms. who are tireless in their efforts to promote its welfare.

Three applications for Benevolence from Grand Lodge were passed upon durng the evening, and I took occasion to remind them of their obligations to Grand Lodge in being thus favored from year to year, and pointed out to them their duty in the matter, and I feel confident that Britannia Lodge will be on the honor roll in respect to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund before the next meeting of Grand Lodge. At the close of the lodge a most enjoyable banquet was presided over by W. Bro. Dr. Burrows in a most capable manner. Speeches by R. W. Bros. Dr. R. E. Cooper, Rev. J. W. Hodgins, V. W. Bro. Ballantyne, W. Bro. Mallion, Bros. Rev. Berry, McMillan and many others, songs by the Imperial Male Quartette and Bro. Pickard were thoroughly enjoyed by the large gathering.

Milverton Lodge, No. 478, Milverton—I visited this lodge on April 18th, 1910, and was accorded a most fraternal welcome by W. Bro. Hutchison, his officers and visitors. This lodge is one of the youngest in the district, but is well officered. W. Bro. Dr. Lederman is the moving spirit in this lodge, and it owes very much of its success to his untiring energy. W. Bro. Hutchinson and his officers initiated a candidate in a fairly accurate and impressive manner, leaving very little room for criticism, the J. W.'s lecture on the tracing board being a feature of the work. This lodge has a splendid Secretary in the person of Bro. W. J. Zoeger, whose books are models of neatness. A banquet followed at the close of the lodge, at which the usual Masonic toasts were duly honored, W. Bro. Dr. Lederman making a capital toast-master. Altogether it was a most interesting and enjoyable evening.

Tudor Lodge No. 141, Mitchell.—This lodge was officially visited by me at their regular meeting, on April the 19th. I was introduced by P.

D. D. G. M., R. W. Bro. Elliott, and V. W. Bro. Shaver. The attendance was not large owing to the wet weather, but what was lacking in quantity was made up in quality, as was evidenced by the splendid manner in which the W. M., W. Bro. J. D. Morrow and his officers exemplified the E. A. Degree, showing a perfect knowledge of the work. The J. W's. lecture was very accurate and impressive. This lodge is evidently taking on new life under its most capable staff of officers and is bound to make rapid strides in the near future. A substantial amount has already been paid into the S. C. B. Fund and I was assured, by the W. M., the small balance remaining would be paid forthwith, and Tudor Lodge would then be on the honor roll of Grand Lodge. Refreshments were served at the close of the business of the evening.

Wilmot Lodge No. 318, Baden.—I had the pleasure of paying my official visit to this lodge on April 29th, and was received most cordially by W. Bro. Betchel and his officers and members, after being introduced by R. W. Bro. Holley and V. W. Bro. F. Holwell. The membership of this lodge is not large, but they are most enthusiastic Masons. In W. Bro. Dr. Butler they have a most efficient secretary, and one who knows his duties thoroughly. Their lodge room is neat, bright and attractive and with such P. Ms. as W. Bro. Livingston, Holwell and others, who are ever energetic and regular in attendance, is bound to be prosperous and its reputation for correct work well maintained. They have not had any work of late, but on the night of my visit an application was received and it will no doubt be followed by others. The W. M., at my request, opened and closed in the three degrees in a very correct manner. The Wardens are capable, the S. W. repeating the lecture in a very accurate manner. The Deacons displayed efficiency, and I feel quite certain all are well qualified to exemplify any of the degrees from the knowledge shown. The "fourth degree" was a splendid affair, a sumptuous banquet being served, after which speech, song and story were introduced and thoroughly enjoyed.

St. James' Lodge No. 73 and St. Mary's U. D.—These two lodges held a joint meeting on the evening

of May 2nd, 1910, which was one of the most interesting during my official tour of the District. I was introduced by R. W. Bro. Sharp, and received that warm fraternal welcome that has always characterized the brethren of the "Stone Town." The lodge room, which is used by both lodges, is very suitably appointed and was completely filled with the large number of members and visitors, among whom was a splendid delegation from Tecumseh Lodge, Stratford, headed by W. Bros. McFadgen and Mallion. The work of the evening was the First and Second Degrees, which were put on respectively by W. Bro. Poole of St. Mary's U. D. acting for the W. M., R. W. Bro. Colonel White, who was unavoidably absent through illness, and the Second Degree by W. Bro. Lorne W. Eedy, W. M. of St. James No. 73, in a manner that evoked the admiration of all present. Each was supported by a capable set of officers, whose work was not surpassed in the District. I was pleased to compliment them very highly when I had the opportunity to speak.

These lodges are working together most harmoniously and I feel quite assured my visit to this joint meeting will greatly help to cement the friendly feeling that does, and should, exist between them. Both lodges are in a good financial position, and the Secretary, Bro. Carman, who occupies the dual position of Secretary for each lodge, is a very capable officer.

Nothing, however, has been done in connection with the S. C. B. Fund, but I feel satisfied from expressions made by the members during the evening, these two lodges will soon be on the honor roll of Grand Lodge. A most excellent repast was served at the Windsor Hotel, after which speech with song, was indulged until a late hour.

Elma Lodge, No. 456, Monkton—I visited this lodge officially on the 19th of May and received the usual fraternal welcome from W. Bro. Struthers, the officers and members, after my formal introduction by W. Bros. Chalmers and Mallion.

There was a good attendance and much interest was manifested in the exemplification of the E. A. Degree, which was splendidly put on by the W. M and officers, the lecture by the J. W. being most im-

pressive. This is one of the most prosperous young lodges in the District. Its members are enthusiastic in everything Masonic, and have set an example worthy of emulation by some of the older lodges, by paying its quota to the S. C. B. Fund. The Secretary, W. Bro. Chalmers is a model officer and keeps his books in splendid shape. He has been a tower of strength in the past and much of the success of this lodge is due to his indefatigable and painstaking efforts. A splendid banquet followed the close of the lodge, but owing to the near approach of the obsequies of our late King, the toast list was dispensed with.

Tecumseh Lodge No. 144, Stratford—This lodge was officially visited by me on May 20th. There was a very large attendance and the function was a most successful one.

The W. M., W. Bro. McFadgen, presided with dignity and ability, and conferred the Third Degree upon a splendidly instructed candidate, in a manner equalled by few and excelled by none of the officers of the other lodges under my supervision. Accuracy, intelligence and impressiveness characterized the exemplification of the work. The Wardens were most capable in their positions; the I. G. an excellent officer, whose enunciation was most marked; the Deacons whose floor work was the admiration of the large gathering, together with the musical accompaniment of the G. Organist, W. Bro. R. J. Stevenson, who is a member of this lodge, combined to make this one of the most interesting ceremonials I have witnessed during my term of office. This lodge has the largest membership in the District, and has many distinguished and influential members, being the mother Lodge of M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, P.G.M.; R W. Bro. Dr. Rankin, G.J.W., together with many P.D.D.G.Ms. and is experiencing an era of prosperity that has never been equalled previously in its history. It has a reputation for thoroughly instructing its candidates for advancement, and gave ample evidence of this fact by the examination of several on the floor of the lodge, during my visit.

I am pleased to note that this lodge has paid its full assessment to the S. C. B. Fund, and was also pleased to express to them my warmest commendation

in thus aiding and assisting this worthy object during my term of office.

At the close of the lodge the large gathering adjourned to the banquetting room, where a most delicious repast was served, which was thoroughly enjoyed.

As this was the evening following the obsequies of our late King, the toast list was dispensed with, the brethren desiring to show due respect and veneration to the memory of our departed sovereign and eminent brother.

Lebanon Forest Lodge No. 133, Exeter—Visited this lodge on the 23rd of May, 1910, and after being introduced by R. W. Bro. L. H. Dickson, P. D. D. G. M., and V. W. Bro. Stewart, was received in true Masonic style by W. Bro. Creech and members present.

A splendid line of P. Ms. graced the "East," among whom were noticed, W. Bro. Mallion of Stratford and MacNicoll of Fenelon Falls. The W. M and his officers exemplified the F. C. Degree, opened and closed in the Third in a manner not surpassed by any other lodge in the District.

The M. W. possesses a splendid voice, perfect in his enunciation and impressive in his delivery. The Wardens took their parts very correctly, and the I. G. and Deacons are model officers, the floor work being a feature of the ceremonial. The Secretary, W. Bro. Saunders, is a painstaking, zealous officer and does not permit the work of his office to lag.

This is one of the best lodges in the District, being foremost in everything that tends to advance the interests of Masonry, and the first lodge in the District to pay its full quota to the S. C. B. Fund.

To R. W. Bro. Dickson, and its splendid P. Ms may be attributed much of its success and prosperity in the past, which is being well maintained by W. Bro. Creech and his officers.

The banquet which followed was one of the best. The very eloquent address by W. Bro. Rev. D. W. Colins, Anglican minster, of that place, who paid a glowing tribute to the memory of our late King Edward VII., and the silvery-tongued utterances of P. D. D. G. M. Dickson, in his reply to the toast of

Grand Lodge of Canada, were the features of the evening. My last visit in the District ended in a manner that will long bring pleasant memories and fond recollections of my term of office as D.D.G.M. of S. Huron Masonic District No. 4.

In conclusion I desire to thank the brethren throughout the entire District, and especially the P. D. D. G. Ms., for their kind and courteous treatment, and for the assistance extended to me during my term of office.

Fraternally submitted,

CHRIS. HODGINS, D.D.G.M.,
S. Huron District No. 4.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Table shewing the work done in South Huron District, No. 4, from June 24th, 1909, to June 24th, 1910

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Membership: Total No. of all Mem.	Membership: Increase during year	Membership: Decrease during year	Degree's Conf'rd: E. A.	Degree's Conf'rd: F. C.	Degree's Conf'rd: M. M.	Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased	Meet'gs held: Regular	Meet'gs held: Emergent	Meet'gs held: Total	Average atten'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. me'b'rs 12 m'ths in arr'rs	Total of all arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance
33	Maitland ...	Goderich	146	14	..	14	13	14	4	0	1	..	..	3	13	9	22	25	150 00	30	323 70	Dec. '09	Good	Excel'nt	Yes	1000 00
73	St. James ...	St. Mary's	92	7	..	8	8	7	1	1	..	2	..	1	13	4	17	18	96 00	24	133 35	Jan. 5, '10	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
84	Clinton	Clinton	79	7	1	7	7	7	1	..	2	..	..	1	14	5	19	24	10 00	10	73 50	Jan. '10	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
133	Leb. Forest.	Exeter	99	3	..	6	2	2	1	1	5	..	..	..	11	3	14	25	5 00	..	57 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Bright	Yes	300 00
141	Tudor	Mitchell	57	2	3	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	11	1	12	15	100 00	3	....	Dec. '09	Good	Bright	Yes	300 00
144	Tecumseh ..	Stratford	206	21	..	27	23	18	5	2	5	8	..	..	13	10	23	40	126 10	37	497 50	June 24, '10	Good	Good	Yes	well in.
154	Irving	Lucan	76	9	8	8	7	7	1	..	..	5	..	..	13	8	21	20	.....	6	45 55	June 24, '09	Good	Good	Yes	none
170	Britannia ..	Seaforth	104	3	..	4	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	14	2	16	20	200 00	2	24 00	Dec. 27, '09	Fair	Good	Yes	400 00
205	N. Dominion	N. Hamburg	41	4	..	4	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	13	12	.....	2	7 00	June 24, '09	Fair	Fair	2	Ins.
224	Zurich	Hensall	81	3	3	2	6	5	..	..	5	..	..	2	12	4	16	24	30 00	4	....	Jan. 25, '10	v'y good	Good	Yes	none
233	Doric	Parkhill	71	5	..	4	7	6	1	..	..	..	..	..	13	6	19	17	.....	10	....	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
303	Blyth	Blyth	60	6	2	6	5	6	..	..	1	..	..	1	10	1	11	20	.....	..	....	June 30, '09	Fair	Fair	Yes	400 00
309	Morn'g Star	Carlow	45	..	5	2	2	2	..	1	3	2	..	2	13	2	15	16	20 00	2	25 00	Dec. 27, '09	v'y good	Good	Yes	1000 00
318	Wilmot	Baden	27	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	7	..	7	9	.....	4	8 00	June 24, '09	Good	Fair	Yes	400 00
332	Stratford ...	Stratford	161	4	..	13	8	7	1	1	5	5	..	..	13	5	18	18	.....	44	271 00	Jan. 10, '10	Good	Good	Yes	H.trust
456	Elma	Monkton	46	4	1	3	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	14	1	15	15	10 00	..	30 25	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	150 00
478	Milverton ...	Milverton	43	1	5	1	1	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	13	2	15	12	.....	5	17 00	July 4, '10	Good	Good	Yes	250 00
483	Granton ..	Granton	28	7	..	5	5	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	1	13	14	.....	4	16 00	Mar. 18, '10	Good	Bright	Yes	none
UD	St. Mary's ..	St. Mary's	51	51	..	32	32	29	9	..	..	..	..	..	12	23	35	17	.....	43	135 75	none	Good	Good	Yes	none

NORTH HURON DISTRICT NO. 5

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to present the following report on the condition of Masonry in the 5th Masonic District. I desire first to express my thanks to the brethren of North Huron District, for the confidence reposed in me, in electing me to the distinguished position which I occupy, and also for their unvarying courtesy during my whole term of office, on every occasion I have been greeted with a fraternal welcome as the representative of the Grand Master, which fully demonstrated their loyalty to Grand Lodge. I have visited each of the nineteen lodges, and it is with pride and gratification that I am able, conscientiously, to report that the state of Masonry within this district is not only flourishing, but healthy and progressive. The reports of the individual lodges which follow show conclusively that not only are the officers and brethren fully impressed with the necessity of a correct rendition of our ceremonies, but they are imbued with the true spirit of Masonry.

My first visit was made on November 22nd, 1909, to Forest Lodge, No. 162. There was a fair attendance of the brethren, considering the inclemency of the weather. The work for the evening was the Second Degree, which was exemplified by the Master, W. Bro. Davidson, and his staff of officers in a very creditable manner. The books and finances are well looked after by R. W. Bro. Brown. There were two visitors from Toronto, one of them a charter member of Forest Lodge. The Fourth Degree was attended to by Bro. George Towns. The Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund was brought to their notice, and they promised to make an effort to pay up.

23rd November, 1909—Visited St. John's Lodge, No. 284, Brussels. Was well received by the brethren.

A very good attendance present. W. Bro. Jackson conferred the Second Degree in a faultless manner. Indeed, all the officers gave their work in splendid form and voice. The books are well and neatly kept by W. Bro. Black. He had only one member six months in arrears. This is one of the lodges that had done nothing towards paying the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. I put the matter before them, as they said they never had heard it before. They promised to take steps to pay their quota as soon as possible. This lodge is strongly backed by loyal P.Ms., which accounts in some measure for the efficiency of the work done. After the lodge closed we adjourned to Bro. Enright's hotel for the Fourth Degree, which was excellent, and at which Bro. Montieth presided, and proved to be the right man in the right place. After the usual toasts and responses and singing the National Anthem, the brethren dispersed to their several homes.

3rd December, 1909—Visited Moravian Lodge, No. 431. The attendance was fair, with five or six visitors from Paisley, which helped to make the meeting pleasant, especially during and after the Fourth Degree, as there were several good musicians, both vocal and instrumental, among them. Dr. Latham, the W. M., being absent, P. M. Bro. McKeenan, who I believe is the mainstay of the lodge, took the chair and exemplified the Second Degree as nearly perfect as possible. Indeed, all the officers did their work well. This is one of the lodges that had not paid anything towards the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. They promised to make a start at once and pay off as soon as possible. After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to Mr. Connors' hotel, where all enjoyed themselves for an hour around the festive board.

7th December, 1909—Visited Wingham Lodge, No. 286. Was well received by the brethren. A very small attendance, considering the strength of the lodge. There did not seem to be much enthusiasm among the brethren. The W.M., Bro. Dinsley, exemplified the Second Degree in a very creditable manner, assisted by an excellent staff of officers, notably the Senior Deacon, Bro. McGuire. The financial and

bookkeeping business is in the hands of R. W. Bro. Morton, and his books are models of painstaking efficiency; only two or three members in arrears. After adjournment the brethren enjoyed an hour or so at a nearby restaurant.

25th January, 1910—Visited Bruce Lodge, No. 341, Tiverton, and found a fair attendance of the members of the lodge and a splendid contingent of 26 members from Northern Light, Kincardine, and a more enthusiastic bunch of Masons could not be found in the Dominion. They practically took possession of the lodge. R. W. Bro. M. J. McPherson taking the lead, they installed the officers of Bruce Lodge in a way that was good to see and hear. They also contributed in a very large measure to the success of the Fourth Degree, as there were many among them who were good in both speech and song. After the new W. M., W. Bro. McEwen, had been installed, he opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees, and judging from the way he did his work, Bruce Lodge will no doubt sustain its reputation for doing good work. This is one of the lodges that had not done anything towards the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. They promised faithfully to appoint a committee and get to work at once, and send in remittances from time to time. One of the most pleasing duties that I had to perform in all my visitations was the presentation, on behalf of Bruce Lodge, of a most beautiful Past Master's Jewel to the retiring W. M., Bro. James Kippen, who replied very feelingly in thanking his brethren for the great honor conferred upon him. P. M. Bro. McLaren looks after finances and the books, which are in good shape, and very few in arrears. After the lodge was closed the brethren repaired to Bro. Walker's hotel, where a splendid spread awaited them, where all enjoyed themselves till the wee, sma' hours of the morning, Dr. Bruce of Northern Light presiding.

17th February, 1910—Visited Port Elgin Lodge, No. 429, accompanied by W. Bro. James Kippen, Bruce, No. 341. There was a good attendance of the brethren; one visitor, Bro. H. L. Everdell, S. W. of Speed Lodge, No. 180, Guelph. The work of the evening was the Second Degree, which was put on by

the W. M., Bro. Dougherty, and I must say it was done in a very pleasing and impressive manner, he having a splendid staff of officers to assist him. The candidate was prepared in a way to reflect credit on the officers of the lodge; in fact, he was one of the best prepared candidates I ever saw. I was much pleased to make the acquaintance of R. W. Bro. W. F. Bald, P.D.D.G.M. of Niagara District, No. 10, who is a very intelligent and active Mason, and who by his presence and counsel adds materially to the advantage of Port Elgin Lodge. The books and finances are looked after by W. Bro. Smith, and it goes without saying it is well done. The Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund was brought before them and strongly urged by myself and R. W. Bro. Bald. They promised to attend to it without delay. After the lodge was closed an hour or so was spent around the festive board in their own dining-room. They have a neat and comfortable lodge-room.

18th February, 1910—Visited St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 131, Southampton. Was right royally received by the brethren, and especially by the veteran always to the fore in every good work, V. W. Bro. James Dundas. There was a good turnout of the brethren and a contingent of eight or nine from Port Elgin, among whom was R. W. Bro. Bald, P.D.D. G.M. of Niagara District, No. 10. The work for the evening was the First Degree. The Master, W. Bro. Hillmer, conferred the same in a correct and faultless manner, ably assisted by a good staff of officers. Masonry is not forgotten or losing anything in Southampton. They have a splendid lodge-room and dining hall, which they own themselves, and are free from debt. They have also paid their full quota for the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, and when it comes to the Fourth Degree, Southampton certainly knows how to entertain visitors. Port Elgin also contributed a fair share of speech and song.

24th February, 1910—Visited Teeswater Lodge, No. 276, Teeswater, and found a very good attendance of the brethren present and one visitor, Bro. Vancamp, from Chesley. The work for the evening in this lodge was the Third Degree, which was very

well done indeed by the W. M., Bro. Dr. Gillies; in fact, all the officers did their work well. A great improvement has been going on in the work of this lodge for some years past, and it is now well up. The Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund was brought before them, and urged to complete the payment of the same, which they promised to do as soon as possible. After the lodge closed we adjourned to Mr. Mallough's restaurant, where splendid refreshments awaited us, and where a pleasant hour was spent. Teeswater is all right.

10th March, 1910—Visited Aldworth Lodge, No. 235, Paisley. Found a large attendance of the members, with seven visitors from Moravian Lodge, No. 431. The work for my inspection in this lodge was the Third Degree, which the Master, W. Bro. Grant, conferred as nearly perfect as need be. He has also a splendid staff of officers, notably the J. W., Bro. Dr. Marrs; indeed, each officer in his place performed his part well. They have a neat and well-appointed lodge room, and peace and harmony prevail. The books are in good shape in the hands of Bro. Bell; very few in arrears. Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund was brought to their notice here also, and they promised to commence right away to collect for the same and make an effort to pay up. After the lodge closed a pleasant hour was spent around the festive board.

6th April, 1910—Visited Northern Light, No. 93, Kincardine. Was right royally received by the brethren, of whom there was a large attendance. The work for the evening was the First Degree, and to say that it was well done is far short of the perfection with which W. Bro. McPhail and his officers did their work. Accurate and impressive, it was a pleasure to sit and look on. After the lodge closed the brethren, with a large number of visitors from Tiverton and other places, proceeded to their commodious dining-room, where the Fourth Degree was, in its way, as good as the First. The usual toast list was exhausted with all the pleasantries imaginable. The brethren of Northern Light Lodge certainly know how to entertain and make things pleasant for all who have the good fortune to visit them. The books and finances are looked after by R. W. Bro. M. J. McPherson,

than whom there is not a better Secretary in North Huron. This is one of the live, progressive lodges, where brotherly love and harmony predominate.

April 22nd was the date of my official visit to Bernard Lodge, No. 225, Listowel, and I was delighted with the cordial welcome accorded as a representative of the Grand Lodge. Met a large gathering of the brethren, among them being R. W. Bro. D. D. Campbell and R. W. Bro. J. J. Foster, my immediate predecessor. The W. M., Bro. Ainley, conferred the Initiatory Degree in a very pleasing, impressive and correct manner. All the officers did their several parts in a faultless manner. Even the old veteran himself, R. W. Bro. D. D. Campbell, per formed well, giving the charge to the candidate. The J. W.'s lecture was given the best I have ever heard, in splendid voice and letter perfect. A large attendance of Past Masters loyal to the lodge and order is one of the reasons given for this lodge ranking among the best. Loyalty and fraternal feeling permeates the whole membership. After the lodge was closed an hour was spent in their splendid dining-room at the Fourth Degree, where all enjoyed themselves to the fullest extent.

April 25th was the date of my official visit to Cedar Lodge, No. 396, Wiarton, and was royally received and entertained by the brethren. There was a full attendance, about 60 being present. The W. M., Dr. Hough, conferred the First Degree, and to say that it was well done is but faint praise. It was actually and absolutely letter-perfect, rendered in a pleasing, powerful and impressive voice, and the officers, each one in his own part, were just about as faultless. Taking all in all, it was the best work I have ever seen in a Masonic lodge. Without doubt Cedar Lodge is the banner lodge of North Huron district at the present time. After the lodge was closed a couple of hours were spent in their beautiful dining hall, where the table was loaded with every delicacy of the season—and, I might say, out of season—and was on a par with everything Cedar Lodge does. Such an array of talent as they have in this lodge would be hard to match anywhere among the same number of men. Every brother called upon responded either in

speech or song. This report would not be complete without a word about their genial and capable Secretary, W. Bro. Jas. F. Paterson, whose books are models of neatness and order, and who is held in high esteem by his brethren.

Visited Burns Lodge, No. 436, Hepworth, April 26th. There was a very small attendance of the members, but what they were short was supplied by Wiarton, as a load of those enthusiastic lovers of Masonry came over to help us. I am sorry to say that there does not seem to be much enthusiasm among the members of Burns Lodge. Were it not for the old standbys, the Campbells and the Reids, I would be a little afraid for the future of this lodge, but with those named and one or two others it will pull through all right. As there was no work on hand, the Master, W. Bro. Cruickshanks, opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees, and did it in a way to show that if he had the work to do he was capable of doing it. Before adjourning for refreshments the Wiarton brethren entertained us with songs and speeches, in which they excel. Dr. Hough, the W. M. of Cedar Lodge, gave us a splendid address for the good of Masonry. Here, as elsewhere, I urged the claims of the Semi-Centennial Fund. They promised to make a start to pay up.

April 28th was the date set for my official visit to Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 362, Tara, but in some unaccountable way they made a mistake in the date. It was a special meeting, anyway, so the Senior Warden, Bro. Dr. Armstrong, and myself looked up all the available members, and we held our meeting. As they had done their work at the meeting held two evenings before, there was no candidate. As I desired to see how they did their work in Maple Leaf, I requested the Master, W. Bro. Croome, to exemplify the First Degree, which he did in good shape. For a small lodge they have done nobly toward the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, and the W. M., who is a hustler, said they would wipe off the small balance this year. The books and finances are in good shape in the hands of W. Bro. Briggs. I was very much pleased indeed to again meet and renew my acquaintance with V. W. Bro. Archie McDonald, an old, enthusiastic and active Mason.

April 29th visited Forest Lodge, No. 393, Chesley. There was a good attendance of the brethren and one visitor, W. Bro. Croome of Maple Leaf, Tara. The work for the evening was the exemplification of the Third Degree, which the W. M., Bro. Neelin, did in a very accurate and impressive manner. All the officers performed their duties well. This is another lodge to be congratulated on having a Secretary to perform his duties with such efficiency as W. Bro. Ross, the books being well and neatly kept and very few in arrears. After the lodge closed the Fourth Degree was gone through with the usual formalities.

May 19th visited Fordwich Lodge, No. 331, and found the brethren very comfortably housed, and a very good attendance, considering their numbers. Having two degrees to confer that night, the Second and Third, the W. M. asked me if they could put on the Third first, to which I assented, when W. Bro. McKee clearly showed he had his work well in hand. The Second Degree was worked by a P. M. and was equally well done. Indeed, the whole staff of officers did their work well. The books and finances are well looked after in the hands of R. W. Bro. A. C. Hutchison. The Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund was brought to their attention, and they promised to wipe off the balance against them. As usual, after the lodge was closed, a pleasant hour was spent around the festive board.

May 20th visited Hanover Lodge, No. 432, Hanover, and had a very cordial and warm reception from the brethren, of whom there was a fair attendance present. This is another lodge where a visitor is made to feel at home. The work for the evening was the election of officers and the exemplification of the Second Degree, both of which were done, I believe, to the satisfaction of every one present. The degree work was very well done indeed, not only by the W. M., but by the whole staff, and they have a Secretary in W. Bro. Coppinger of whom any lodge would be proud. They have a very comfortable and nicely-furnished lodge-room and a good dining hall, in which after the lodge was closed we sat down to one of the best banquets I have had the pleasure of participating in so far.

Visited Saugeen Lodge, No. 197, Walkerton, on the 14th of June, and was cordially received by the brethren, of whom there was a goodly number in attendance. They have a very cosy and well-appointed lodge-room. I was much pleased to meet such an array of distinguished brethren as they have in this lodge. R. W. Bros. Harris, Clark and Scott, whose zeal, I think, has something to do with the high standard of work they do in this lodge. There being no degree work for the evening, I requested the W. M., Bro. McBurney, to put on the First Degree, which he did, and it is needless to say it was well done. The W. M., with his whole staff, each did their several parts in a very impressive, pleasing and accurate manner. The books and finances are looked after by Bro. Thompson, and a nicer set of books I have not seen in any lodge in the district. Bro. Thompson is a valuable officer and is the right man in the right place. The Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund was brought to their attention here also. They promised to pay up in the near future. After adjournment the Fourth Degree was exemplified in a hearty manner, R. W. Bro. Col. Scott presiding.

Last but not least, on the 16th of June, I paid my official visit to Old Light Lodge, No. 184, Lucknow, my mother lodge, and was very cordially received by my brethren, of whom there was a goodly number present. As rarely happens, there was no candidate for advancement in Old Light Lodge this evening, so I requested the W. M., Bro. Barbour, to put on the First Degree, which he did, and he with all the officers did their work to my entire satisfaction. There was nothing to criticize, and I have rarely, if ever, heard the Junior Warden's lecture given better than Bro. MacIntosh gave it that night. After the lodge was closed the brethren descended to the dining-room, where refreshments awaited us, to which ample justice was done.

Fraternally submitted,

D. PATTERSON, D.D.G.M.,
North Huron District, No. 5.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Table shewing the work done in North Huron District No. 5 from June 24th, 1909, to June 24th. 1910

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Membership: Total No of all Mem.	Membership: Increase during year	Membership: Decrease during year	Degree's Conf'rd: E. A.	Degree's Conf'rd: F. C.	Degree's Conf'rd: M. M.	Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N P D.	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased	Meet'gs held: Regular	Meet'gs held: Emergent	Meet'gs held: Total	Average attend'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. me'b'rs 12 m'ths in arr'rs	Total of all arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W M work all degrees	Insurance
93	Northern L't.	Kincardine	109	10	..	6	5	7	2	..	..	..	..	1	14	9	23	37	55 00	..	....	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Excel'nt	Yes	1850 00
131	St. Lawrence.	Southampton	80	10	11	7	8	9	3	..	1	8	..	2	10	7	17	15	.....	14	164 14	Jan. 1, '10	Good	Good	Yes	2700 00
162	Forest	Wroxeter																								
184	Old Light	Lucknow	102	..	7	1	4	3	2	1	2	5	..	1	12	4	16	21	33 00	12	40 00	Feb. 14, '09	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00
197	Saugeen	Walkerton	74	2	..	2	3	3	4	1	2	3	..	..	13	1	14	26	.....	6	8 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
225	Bernard	Listowel	101	13	..	16	10	5	1	1	2	2	..	1	11	5	16	20	29 00	8	52 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	750 00
235	Aldworth	Paisley																								
276	Teeswater	Teeswater																								
284	St. John's	Brussels	87	12	3	12	8	9	..	..	2	..	..	1	14	3	17	18	101 87	10	36 50	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	250 00
286	Wingham	Wingham																								
331	Fordwich	Fordwich	41	4	..	4	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	12	16	20 00	12	50 00	Dec. 24, '09	Good	Good	Yes	Yes
341	Bruce	Tiverton	68	2	3	2	2	2	1	2	2	..	..	4	10	4	14	20	50 00	34	144 00	Feb. '10	Good	v. bright	Yes	2000 00
362	Map'e Leaf	Tara																								
393	Forest	Chesley																								
396	Cedar	Wiarton	117	3	6	3	7	9	..	..	3	2	..	1	12	6	18	25	.....	39	123 70	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	none
429	Pt. Elgin	Pt. Elgin	64	5	..	5	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	12	3	15	23	.....	..	....	Feb. 7, '10	Good	Good	Yes	370 00
431	Moravian	Eden Grove																								
432	Hanover	Hanover																								
436	Burns	Hepworth	29	1	4	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	..	..	12	1	13	9	.....	3	....		no debt			400 00

WILSON DISTRICT NO. 6

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

In submitting my report on the condition of Masonry in this District, I wish first to thank the brethren of Wilson District, for the high honor conferred upon me at the last Grand Lodge, an honor that has been highly appreciated, and one of which the responsibilities thereto attached have been deeply and fully felt. I also wish to express my sincere appreciation and thanks for the cordial and fraternal welcome accorded me on the occasions of all my official visits throughout the District, and I trust that my efforts though feeble, may at least in some way have been the means of advancing the best interests of Masonry in this District. My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. Claude Mitchell, of Scotland Lodge, No. 193, District Secretary, and I am glad to have this opportunity of stating that he has performed his duties in a faithful manner. He accompanied me on most of my official visits and rendered valuable assistance in many ways. I have officially visited every lodge in this District, and in every case, with but one exception at the regular meetings. Knowing that accuracy and uniformity in the work is most essential, I determined that my efforts be in that direction,—correction when necessary, and compliments only when deserved,—and am glad to state that the work, as a whole, throughout the District, with but very few exceptions, has been of a high order, with a very good uniformity prevailing, and the harmony that exists is most gratifying. I am glad to state that I have not been called upon to adjust any grievances, whatever. I am sorry to find that the amount of arrearage in dues in most lodges is larger than it should be, and I endeavored to impress upon them this fact—that the business of the lodge should be conducted along business principles, and that allowing such a large amount to

accrue was often the cause for so many N. P. D. suspensions. My opinion is, that any brother who is, through no fault of his own, unable to pay his dues, should have them remitted at the end of the year; and any brother who can pay and will not should be suspended. If we, as a lodge, are careless in this matter of living up to our by-laws, what else can be expected of the members. It has been my earnest desire, and I have endeavored to make it one of the main issues on the occasion of all my official visits in the District, to impress upon those lodges that have not yet paid their full quota to the S. C. B. Fund, the importance and necessity for doing so at once, and while I have, on most occasions received assurance that the matter would be taken up and worked to a successful issue, I regret to say that the response made (by the amounts received by the Grand Secretary), is a great disappointment, and not what it should have been. In some lodges there seems to exist a certain amount of prejudice and indifference, which I cannot account for fully, but which, I believe generally can be attributed to the carelessness or the want of a little united effort on the part of the officers of the lodges. I trust that I have been able to remove, in some degree, this feeling of indifference, and I look forward to seeing Wilson District place itself in a more favorable light as regards that fund.

Regarding the lodges still undedicated in this District, I have experienced some difficulty in ascertaining just what lodges have not been dedicated. In many cases the records of the lodges have been destroyed by fire, ad there seems to exist an amount of uncertainty about the matter. I believe there has not been much shifting of quarters by the lodges in this District for a number of years, but I understand that Sprinfigeld Lodge will be removing to new quarters in the near future. The only lodges that have been able to inform me with any certainty as regards nondedication are the following: St. John's No. 82, Paris; St. John's, No. 104, Norwich; Springfield, No. 259, Springfield.

Lodge of Instruction

It being the desire of the M. W. the Grand Master that each District should hold a Lodge of Instruc-

tion, and as no such Lodge of Instruction had been held in this District for a number of years, I arranged with Scotland Lodge, No. 193, and on May 16th, a very successful one was held under dispensation in the Concert Hall, Scotland, which proved to be a very suitable place for that purpose. There was a good representative gathering of the District, nearly one hundred and fifty being present. The lodge was opened at 2.30 p.m., and the First Degree exemplified by Scotland Lodge No. 193. The lodge was opened in the Second and the Degree conferred by St. John's Lodge, No. 104, Norwich. The lodge was opened in the Third and the Degree conferred by St. John's Lodge, No. 82, Paris. The lodge was closed down in the three degreese by Burford Lodge, No. 106, Burford. The work of the various lodges was of a high standard. It was decided to recommend to the future D.D.G.Ms. that a Lodge of Instruction be held annually in Wilson District, and a committee consisting of representatives of the various lodges present was appointed to recommend some systematic plan for the holding of the same.

The following is a copy of their report, which was unanimously adopted.

Copy of the report of the committee appointed at the Lodge of Instruction held at Scotland, May 16th, 1910, to recommend some systematic plan for holding an annual Lodge of Instruction in Wilson District, No. 6.

That the D.D.G.Ms. of Wilson District be asked to adopt the following recomendations as per report of this committee:

1st. That an annual Lodge of Instruction be held in this District.

2nd. That four different lodges be invited each year to put on the work, three to open and confer the degrees, and one to close in the three degrees, and that such invitations be passed around the district, so that every lodge may in due time have the opportunity to exemplify the work at such meeting.

3rd. That a minute record of the proceedings of each annual meeting be recorded in a District minute

book (for reference), together with the registered attendance of the same, and that such book be held by the District Secretary, and delivered by him to his successors in office.

4th That each lodge in the District contribute an amount equal to five cents per member to help defray the expenses of such meeting, this amount to go to the lodge under which the meeting is held, and that a copy of this report be sent to each lodge in the District.

The above report, I am glad to state, was heartily approved of by the representatives present, and, if carried out will prove to be a great benefit to all the lodges throughout the District, and very materially assist the D.D.G.Ms. in carying out the wish of Grand Lodge in this respect. The presence on this occasion of M. W. Bro. Macwatt, the Grand Master, was a pleasure to all present, and cannot help but prove to be of profit to Wilson District as a whole.

OFFICIAL VISITS

Nov. 22nd—My first official visit was paid to Springfield Lodge, No. 259, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Ross, of Waterford, and W. Bro. Mitchell, District Secretary. A good attendance of members was a pleasing feature. The Third Degree was conferred by W. Bro. Atkins, and his staff of officers in a very efficient and impressive manner. Springfield Lodge has bright prospects for the future. They have paid their full quota to the S. C. B. Fund, and all members stand clear on the books. I believe they anticipate building in the near future a new home for themselves. There is no doubt that the high standard achieved by this lodge is in no small manner due to the untiring efforts of R. W. Bro. Stuart and V. W. Bro. Muller. After the lodge closed a pleasant hour was spent around the festive board.

Nov. 23rd—Accompanied by W. Bro. Mitchell I visited Oriental Lodge, No. 181, Port Burwell. I am sorry to report that Oriental Lodge is not in as flourishing a condition as could be desired. There seems to be a lack of aspiration on the part of the younger members to push ahead. The work is left to the older

members. I endeavored to impress upon the younger members the necessity of preparing themselves to fill the important positions that they will be obliged to fill in the near future. I also endeavored to impress upon the lodge the necessity and importance of taking up the S. C. B. Fund and working it out successfully, and I trust that good results may follow. W. Bro. Burwell, who, I understand, has before filled the chair for fourteen consecutive terms, has again been called to the chair this past year. As no work was on lodge was opened and closed in the Third Degree in a very fair manner. A number of visitors from Vienna lodge were present, among whom was R. W. Bro. Clutton, who gave an excellent address on Masonry. After lodge the visitors and brethren were entertained at a banquet, and a pleasant time was spent.

Nov. 24th—I visited King Hiram Lodge, No. 78, Tilsonburg, accompanied by W. Bro. Mitchell. This lodge has the reputation of doing excellent work, which was fully sustained on this occasion by W. Bro. Robertson and officers, by the excellent manner in which they conferred the First Degree upon a candidate. W. Bro. Robertson's work was done in a very impressive manner, which, I am sure, could not fail to create good impressions on any candidate. While the work in the lodge was such that it required no criticism, I am sorry to say that nothing has yet been done along the line of the S. C. B. Fund. There seemed to be a lack of knowledge of the real object and aim of this fund, on the part of many of the members. I endeavered to impress upon them the necessity of responding to the appeal of Grand Lodge, and raising their quota, and I trust that good results may follow. After lodge an adjournment was made to the banquet hall, where a pleasant time was spent.

Dec. 20th—On the invitation of Scotland lodge, No. 193, to install their officers on the above date, I made the occasion my official visit, it being my own lodge. On account of the installation ceremony, no work was put on except opening and closing. But as I have had the opportunity at other times of seeing the work exemplified in the three degrees, and this has been done in a very creditable manner, it is not neces-

sary that I should dwell upon the report of this, my mother lodge, any more than to say that its prospects are bright.

Dec. 27th—On invitation I officially visited Burford Lodge, No. 106, and installed their officers for the present year. The W. M., Bro. Stephenson, having moved away, the chair had been filled for the latter part of the year by I. P. M., W. Bro. Wallace. As there was no work, the opening and closing of the three degrees was done in good form. I look forward to Burford lodge having a live and prosperous year under W. Bro. Burgess, the newly-installed Master, who, I believe, will be the right man in the right place and who will be supported by a good staff of officers. After installation I endeavored to impress upon the junior officers the necessity and importance of doing their work well; that it was essential that it should be done in an impressive manner from the door up; to create the good impression on candidates, as desired. I also called the attention of the lodge to the large amount of dues in arrears, and endeavered to impress upon them the necessity of conducting the business part of our lodges upon business principles. I also presented the claims of the S. C. B. Fund in as strong a manner as possible, and I have the assurance of the W. M. that he is desirous of carrying it to a successful issue in this lodge, and I believe the same will be done.

Jan. 19th—I visited Wilson Lodge, No. 113, Waterford, accompanied by a number of the brethren of Scotland Lodge. It being the night for installation, I had the pleasure, with the assistance of R. W. Bro. Ross, of installing the officers for the present year, after which the new staff of officers conferred the First degree upon a candidate in a very satisfactory manner. I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge on the night of installation one year ago, when the newly installed officers worked the First Degree in a manner that would have been a credit to any set of officers at the end of their term, and I feel sure that the present officers are determined to maintain that high standard of work that Wilson Lodge has the reputation of doing. Financially the lodge is in good standing, showing a handsome balance to their credit at the end of

the year, with no arrears in dues, and their full quota to the S. C. B. paid. Wilson Lodge has bright prospects. I also had the pleasure, on behalf of the lodge, of presenting W. Bro. Cantelo, I. P. M., with a P. M's. jewel, as an expression of appreciation for services rendered. After lodge a pleasant hour was spent in a social way.

Jan. 20th—I visited Oak Branch Lodge, No. 261, Innerkip, and installed their officers for the present year. The W. Master having moved to a distance, the chair was filled by W. Bro. Hossack, P. M. The Third Degree was conferred in a very satisfactory manner, especially by the acting Master, who has the work in fine shape, and I believe the lodge has good prospects for the future. R. W. Bro. Dutton and a number of brethren from the Woodstock lodges were present. With the assistance of R. W. Bro. Dutton, I endeavored to lay before the lodge the objects and aims of the S. C. B. Fund, and the necessity for raising the balance of their quota to same, and I had the assurance of the W. M. that the matter would be taken up at once, and I trust that good results may follow. After lodge the members and visitors were entertained at a banquet, all enjoying the pleasant time together.

Jan. 21st—Vittoria Lodge, No. 359. It being the night for installation, I had the pleasure of installing the officers for the present year. Although no degrees were conferred, I have reason to believe, from the manner of the opening and closing, that the work done in this lodge is of a high order. The books are well kept and the dues well in hand, and there seems to be an air of thrift prevailing. There were present a number of visitors from Simcoe, among whom were W. Bros. Reede, McIntosh, Grunton, Misner and others; also R. W. Bro. Waddel, of Erie Lodge, Port Dover, who assisted me in laying before the lodge the necessity of responding to the appeal of Grand Lodge to raise their full amount of the S. C. B. Fund, and I trust that an interest was awakened along that line. After lodge, adjournment was made to the Town Hall, which seemed to be in the posession of the ladies, it being ladies' night, and where all sat down to an excellent

banquet under the strains of music from a high-class orchestra from Simcoe, which was greatly enjoyed and appreciated by all present. I shall always remember with pleasure my visit to Vittoria lodge.

Feb. 21st—Erie Lodge, No. 149, Port Dover. In company with W. Bro. Mitchell, District Secretary, I visited Erie Lodge on the above date. R. W. Bro. Waddel, and brethren of Erie Lodge spared no pains to make my visit a pleasant one. Two candidates were initiated in a very efficient and impressive manner. The W. M. and officers from the door up have the work well in hand. The good attendance at their meetings was a noticeable feature, and I believe the prosperous condition of Erie Lodge is in no small amount due to the untiring efforts of R. W. Bro. Waddel. After lodge a pleasant hour was spent around the festive board in the usual enjoyable manner.

Feb. 23rd—St. John's Lodge, No. 104, Norwich. Accompanied by W. Bro. Mitchell I visited the above Lodge. The attendance at the meeting was good. W. Bro. Moles, the W. M. conferred the Second Degree in a very satisfactory manner, the floor work being done in a way that was very pleasing. The Third Degree was also conferred by I. P. M. Eggman in a faultless manner. The work of St. John's is done with military precision that ranks it among the best in the District. The books are well kept, and the dues well in hand, and a live interest is felt in the S. C. B. Fund. After lodge the usual pleasant time was spent in the banquet hall.

March 4th—King Hiram Lodge, No. 37, and St. John's Lodge, No. 68, of Ingersoll, held a joint meeting, and extended me a cordial invitation to officially visit them on the above date. I was pleased to find a strong, friendly and fraternal feeling existing between the two lodges in Ingersoll. Each lodge conferred the first degree upon a candidate in a very creditable manner, especially the lecture in the south and the charge in the East to the newly initiated candidates, which were given in a very impressive manner, and should not fail to create good impressions of Masonry upon them. I was pleased to meet R. W. Bro. Hegler at the meeting, and I wish to thank W. Bro. Nay-

lor, of King Hiram, for his kind assistance given me on other occasions, along the line of the S. C. B Fund. After the meeting a very pleasant and enjoyable hour was spent around the festive board.

March 8th,—Oxford Lodge, No. 76, and King Solomon Lodge No. 43, Woodstock. Accompanied by W. Bro. Mitchell and Bro. Vaughan, of Scotland, I officially visited the above lodges at a joint meeting on that date. The work of the W. Ms. and officers of both lodges was done in a very creditable and pleasing style, especially the floor work, which was done with that uniformity and precision which is so essential to the good work of any lodge. The Third Degree was conferred upon a candidate in a very satisfactory and pleasing manner, and the ceremony was made very impressive by the assistance of their choir, who are to be congratulated upon their splendid services rendered. I was pleased to meet R. W. Bro. Dutton, the Secretary of Oxford Lodge, who so kindly assisted me at other places as well as at his own Lodge, in presenting the claims of the S. C. B. Fund. After the lodge closed adjournment was made to the banquet hall, where, after justice was done to the splendid spread, a pleasant time was spent, with songs, speeches, etc. I shall always retain a pleasant recollection of my visit to the Woodstock lodges.

Mar. 15th—Thistle Lodge, No. 250, Embro. Visited Embro on the above date. While Thistle Lodge has had its ups and downs in the past, I believe that it is entering upon a period of prosperity. The Third degree was conferred in good style by the officers of the lodge and I look forward to hearing good reports of Embro in the future. W. Bro. Naylor of Ingersoll, came over to assist me in laying before the lodge the claims of the S. C. B. Fund, and I trust to hear of good results.

Mar. 23rd, Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, Simcoe. Accompanied by a number of the brethren of Scotland lodge, I visited Norfolk Lodge. There was a good attendance of members with a number of visitors from other lodges. The Second Degree was conferred upon two candidates in a very creditable and satisfactory manner by W. Bro. Atkin and officers. The candidates showed very careful preparation. Norfolk lodge

is in a very prosperous condition, with only a small balance due the S. C. B. Fund, which I am assured will be squared before the meeting of Grand Lodge. I might add that Norfolk is well up in conferring the fourth degree in the usual happy way, which was also demonstrated.

Mar. 24th—Visited Walsingham Lodge, No. 174, Port Rowan. I found a good attendance at lodge. Although this lodge has not been doing much work for the past year, prospects for the future seem bright. Three candidates were given the First Degree in a very efficient and impressive manner by W. Bro. Bennett and officers. With a little polishing up on some of the minor points of the work this lodge would rank among the best in the district. W. Bro. Ryan, the efficient Secretary, is an enthusiastic Mason, and I wish to thank him for many courtesies shown me to make my visit a pleasant one.

March 25th—I visited Vienna Lodge, No. 237. I was met at the station by R. W. Bro. Clutton, and shown many courtesies by him, he is a very efficient Secretary, his books are kept in a very neat and systematic manner, and the records of all the lodge work can be referred to without any difficulty and at a moment's notice. There was a good attendance of members at lodge; also a number from Oriental Lodge, Port Burwell. There were several applications received, but no work on for the evening. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in a very perfect way. The harmony and brotherly feeling that seems so strongly to exist in Vienna Lodge is to be commended. I greatly enjoyed my visit there, it being among the most pleasant during my term. After lodge, adjournment was made to the banquet room and a pleasant evening was spent in songs, speeches, etc.

April 12th—St. John's Lodge, No. 82, Paris. Accompanied by W. Bro. Mitchell, I visited St. John's Lodge, Paris, on the above date. I received a very cordial and fraternal welcome from the brethren, who were out in good numbers. A number of visitors from St. George, Galt, Burford and Scotland, were also present. St. John's Lodge has enjoyed a year of great prosperity and ranks as one of the best in this District. W. Bro. McCausland and officers conferred the

Second Degree upon a candidate in an excellent style, the candidate reflecting great credit on those who had prepared him for the degree. The musical part of the ceremony was well rendered by a quartette, and aided to a great extent in making the work very impressive. The prospects for St. John's Lodge are very bright. After lodge closed the brethren were invited to the banquet hall to participate in the good things there provided, after which the usual toasts were proposed and duly responded to, interspersed with songs, etc., thus bringing to a close a most pleasant meeting of the craft.

April 18th—Frederick Lodge, No. 217, Delhi, was visited on the above date. There was a fair attendance of the brethren. There being no work on, the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in a very creditable manner, and I have no doubt that the work of the W. M. and officers would be of the same high standard in conferring degrees. This lodge has done practically nothing along the lines of the S. C. B. Fund. I endeavored to impress upon them the great need for so doing, and I believe an interest will be taken in that good work in the future by Frederick Lodge.

April 22nd—I visited Plattsville Lodge, No. 178 and was cordially received by the W. M. and brethren. The work for the evening was the Second Degree, and the W. Master and officers acquitted themselves with credit. W. Bro. Henderson, the Secretary, keeps his books in a very neat and business-like shape, and is to be congratulated upon being a very efficient Secretary. I am sorry to report that this lodge has not accomplished much in collecting their quota of the S. C. B. Fund, but I was assured that something more would be done in the near future.

April 29th—I visited Blenheim Lodge, No. 108, Princeton, and was pleased to meet R. W. Bro. Dutton and a number of others from Woodstock; also visitors from Paris, Burford and Scotland. The candidate for the Second Degree failing to appear, lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in a very excellent and correct manner. I might say that W. Bro. Courtney, the W. M., had just previously removed to the West, and the lodge was presided over

by P. M., W. Bro. Vicker, who has the work well in hand, and who is ably assisted by well-skilled junior officers. The lodge is also favored by having W. Bro. Daniel as its efficient Secretary, his books being kept with that neatness that is so pleasant to see. I was also pleased to meet R. W. Bro. Smiley of Paris, who still retains his membership with Blenheim lodge and I have no doubt that the high standard attained by this lodge is in a large measure due to the zeal and efforts of the R. W. Bro. After lodge all were entertained at a banquet where the claims for, and needs of the S. C. B. Fund were strongly put forward by all the speakers present, and I feel assured that Blenheim lodge will complete their share to that fund.

In closing this brief report, I feel that I have overlooked many who should have received special recognition at my hands; I trust that they will accept the will for the deed. I desire again to thank the brethren of Wilson District for the kindness shown me during my term of office. And I trust that my successor may receive the hearty support and good fellowship which was so generously accorded me.

Fraternally submitted,

J. A. MESSECAR, D.D.G.M.

Wilson District, No. 6.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Table shewing the work done in Wilson District, No. 6, from June 24th, 1909, to June 24th, 1910

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Membership		Degree's Conf'rd			Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N.P.D.	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased	Meet'gs held			Average atten'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. me'b'rs 12 m'ths in arr'rs	Total of all arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W.M. work all degrees	Insurance
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	Decrease during year	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.							Regular	Emergent	Total								
10	Norfolk	Simcoe	137	7	2	7	7	7	..	..	..	1	..	1	5	6	11	28	15 00	26	150 00	Jan. 29, '10	Fair	Good	Yes	300 00
37	King Hiram	Ingersoll	137	3	..	3	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	2	14	22	23 00	17	85 00	Jan. 10, '10	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
43	K. Solomon	Woodstock	214	32	..	29	33	19	3	1	..	..	..	..	13	17	30	45	30 00	22	400 00	Dec. 27, '09	Excel'nt	Good	Yes	1500 00
68	St. John's	Ingersoll	106	8	3	7	8	5	..	1	..	2	..	1	14	3	17	20	105 00	..	....	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
76	Oxford	Woodstock	215	20	..	26	23	16	1	..	1	4	..	2	13	15	28	35	117 50	79	384 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	1600 00
78	King Hiram	Tilsonburg	175	5	..	10	9	10	2	..	5	..	..	..	14	7	21	30	75 00	43	200 00	June 24, '10	Good	Good	Yes	800 00
82	St. John's	Paris	98	23	..	20	20	17	3	1	1	..	..	..	14	18	32	20	10 00	19	102 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	350 00
104	St. John's	Norwich	103	..	1	7	6	11	..	1	2	4	..	..	3	12	2	14	25	24 00	..	..	Dec. 29, '09	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
106	Burford	Burford	80	2	..	2	4	2	..	..	..	7	..	..	13	..	13	16	.....	18	150 00	July '09	Good	Good	Yes	1600 00
108	Blenheim	Princeton	43	2	..	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	1	10	16	.....	7	76 83	Dec. 27, '09	Fair	Good	Yes	Yes
113	Wilson	Waterford	144	9	2	10	12	12	..	1	2	..	..	..	13	4	17	29	313 00	..	....	Jan. 22, '10	480 44	Bright	No	650 00
149	Erie	Port Dover	74	6	3	4	4	4	2	1	..	2	..	1	2	2	14	25	.....	20	35 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	250 00
174	Walsingham	Port Rowan	65	4	1	4	3	2	2	..	1	..	..	1	10	1	11	20	.....	..	...	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00
178	Plattsville	Plattsville	41	4	3	2	2	1	2	..	2	..	..	1	13	..	13	12	7 00	6	67 74	Jan. 3, '10	Good	Good	Yes	250 00
181	Oriental	Port Burwell	79	4	..	2	3	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	12	1	13	10	.....	6	43 50	..	Fair	Fair	Yes	300 00
193	Scotland	Scotland	90	6	8	3	1	1	3	3	2	5	..	1	13	2	15	22	12 00	20	101 15	Jan. 6, '10	Fair	Good	Yes	300 00
217	Frederick	Delhi	64	2	..	3	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	10	3	13	20	20 00	..	..	Apl. 18, '10	Fair	Fair	Yes	..
237	Vienna	Vienna	54	2	3	2	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	14	..	14	12	55 00	14	92 27	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Fair	Yes	750 00
250	Thistle	Embro	31	5	..	5	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	1	13	..	.....	..	....	Dec. 24, '09	Fair	Fair	Yes	200 00
259	Springfield	Springfield	57	..	..	2	2	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	14	3	17	20	25 00	8	..	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	
261	Oak Branch	Innerkip	32	6	3	5	2	2	..	1	2	..	..	..	13	2	14	10	35 00	4	12 00	June 24, '10	Good	Good	Yes	1100 00
359	Vittoria	Vittoria	49	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	12	..	12	20	.....	3	15 00	..	Good	Good	Yes	..

WELLINGTON DISTRICT NO. 7

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

It is with pleasure I present to you my report on the condition of Masonry in Wellington District No. 7.

Permit me to express to my brethren of Wellington District my appreciation of the honor conferred and also for the genial, kindly, whole-souled courtesy extended to me by the members of every lodge in the District during my term of office.

Masonry in this District is making decided progress. Many new members have been added to the ranks and what is more to the point, quality rather than numbers would appear to be the guiding principle in the selections.

Friday, March 25th, a Lodge of Instruction was held in Galt, under the auspices of Alma Lodge, when the three degrees were exemplified as follows: E. A., by the officers of Guelph Lodge; F. C., by the officers of Irvine Lodge; M. M., by the officers of Preston Lodge. The attendance was good and results gratifying.

Monday, May 23rd, a Lodge of Instruction was held at Harriston under the auspices of Harriston Lodge. The work of the three degrees was ably ex emplified by the officers of Clifford, St. Albans and Harriston Lodges respectively.

We had the honor to have with us on that occasion the M. W. the Grand Master.

An especial communication of Grand Lodge having been called, the M. W. the Grand Master dedicated Harriston Lodge.

New quarters having of recent years been secured by many of the lodges, some eleven lodge rooms were to dedicate; nine of which were dedicated, leaving

two, viz., Conestogo at Drayton and Wellington at Erin for the incoming D.D.G.M.

I am convinced that throughout Wellington District, the genuine teachings of Masonry are being practised.

The lodges are in every case, I believe, in good financial standing and their interests carefully guarded by efficient officers. I believe the brethren of every lodge are anxious to prevent irregularities of any kind and to follow faithfully the constitution of Grand Lodge.

Oct. 15, 1909—Visited Irvine Lodge, No. 203, Elora. Saw the First Degree exemplified in a most satisfactory manner. Later, May 27th, dedicated their new lodge room. The Elora brethren are to be congratulated on their new rooms.

Oct. 26, 1909—Visited Ayr Lodge, No. 172. No work on. The W. M. opened and closed in the three degrees. Membership not increasing very rapidly, but we trust busier times will soon come.

Dec. 15, 1909—Visited Guelph Lodge, No. 258. Saw the work of the Third Degree exemplified. No. 258 has a set of bright, enthusiastic officers who are capable of good work.

Nov. 5, 1909—Visited Conestogo Lodge, No. 295, Drayton. Saw the Third Degree exemplified. No. 295 were contemplating a change of quarters. We are pleased to learn that they have since refitted the old, and are now in good shape to do splendid work.

Feb. 1st, 1910—Visited Galt Lodge, No. 297. Saw the work exemplified in good style. The P. Ms. of both Galt and Alma Lodges do not cease their labors when their year of office is over. This is as it should be.

Jan. 21st, 1910—Visited Preston Lodge, No. 297 on several occasions. The Preston brethren pride themselves on good work, and justly so. Dedicated Preston Lodge at their January meeting.

Dec. 28th, 1909—Visited Alma Lodge, No. 72, Galt. The work was well done. Genuine interest in the affairs of the lodge was not confined to the officers alone.

Feb. 8th, 1910—Visited Waverley Lodge, No. 361, Guelph. The officers had their work well in hand and the interests of Masonry at heart. Waverley is getting in plenty of fine material.

March 21, 1910—Visited Clifford Lodge, No. 315. Saw the degrees ably worked. Dedicated the lodge room. Apparently every member works at Clifford and they are building up a fine lodge. They have fine new quarters of which they are justly proud.

March 22nd, 1910—Visited Harriston, Lodge, No. 262. Found the work ably attended to. Harriston brethren have recently overhauled and refitted their quarters and have them now in good shape. The M. W. the Grand Master dedicated the lodge room on May 23rd.

March 23rd, 1910—Visited St. Albans Lodge, No. 200, Mount Forest. Saw the work well exemplified. Dedicated the lodge room March 23rd. The principles of Masonry are not lacking among the Mount Forest brethren.

March 24th, 1909—Visited Durham Lodge, No. 306. Durham Lodge is doing good work. Dedicated their Lodge room, March 24th.

March 28th, 1910—Visited Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 334, Arthur. The Arthur brethren are an enthusiastic lot of Masons. Dedicated their lodge room, March 28.

March 29, 1910—Visited Harris Lodge, No. 216, Orangeville. The work was put on in good form. The interests of Harris Lodge are in good hands and the material entering of the right stamp.

March 30, 1910—Visited Scott Lodge, No. 421, Grand Valley. No degrees exemplified but found everything satisfactory. Dedicated the lodge room March 30.

March 31, 1910—Visited Wellington Lodge, No. 271, Erin. The work of the evening was well exemplified. The lodge room has not yet been dedicated.

April 1st, 1910—Visited Blair Lodge, No. 314, Palmerston. The work was capably put on. A fresh spirit of enthusiasm has taken hold of some of the brethren and they are bound to build up Blair Lodge. Dedicated their rooms April 1st.

May 6th, 1910—Visited Mercer Lodge, No. 347, Fergus. No work exemplified, but found the officers capable ad enthusiastic. R. W. Bro. D. B. Miller assured me the Fergus brethren do their work in fine style.

May 17th, 1910—Visited Speed Lodge, No. 180, Guelph. The work of the evening was handled in a most satisfactory manner.

May 10th, 1910—Visited Grand River Lodge, No. 151, Berlin. The work of the evening was well exemplified. Masonry is alive in Berlin. The Berlin brethren will shortly occupy new and commodious quarters.

May 18th, 1910—Visited New Hope Lodge, No. 279, Hespeler. The brethren of New Hope are a set of genuine Masons, deeply interested in their lodge and the principles of true Masonry.

In conclusion I would again thank the brethren for kindness extended me during my term of office and particularly to those who so efficiently assisted at the various dedications.

Fraternally submitted,

D. W. HOUSTON, D.D.G.M.,
Wellington District No. 7.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Table shewing the work done in Wellington District, No. 7, from June 24th, 1909, to June 24th, 1910

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Membership: Total No. of all Mem.	Membership: Increase during year	Membership: Decrease during year	Degree's Conf'rd: E. A.	Degree's Conf'rd: F. C.	Degree's Conf'rd: M. M.	Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N.P.D.	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased	Meet'gs held: Regular	Meet'gs held: Emergent	Meet'gs held: Total	Average atten'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. me'b'rs 12 m'ths in arr'rs	Total of all arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W.M. work all degrees	Insurance
72	Alma	Galt	142	4	..	5	4	3	3	1	4	..	..	1	12	3	15	25	.....	..	....	Dec. '09	Good	Good	Yes	joint
151	Grand River	Berlin	197	10	..	15	14	13	5	..	6	4	..	1	10	9	19	29	200 00	20	54 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Bright	Yes	1700 00
172	Ayr	Ayr	45	1	..	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	9	10	.....	..	....	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Fair	Yes	700 00
180	Speed	Guelph	80	10	..	10	9	10	2	1	4	1	..	1	13	7	20	42	180 00	8	54 50	Dec. 27, '09	Fair	Good	Yes	1500 00
200	St. Albans	Mt. Forest	71	7	..	7	6	5	..	..	..	1	..	..	13	2	15	18	10 00	26	130 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
203	Irvine	Elora	78	8	..	9	9	7	1	..	1	..	..	2	11	5	16	22	109 00	1	4 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
216	Harris	Orangeville	169	6	..	4	9	6	2	..	..	5	..	3	10	7	17	22	30 00	26	126 50	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
257	Galt	Galt	174	16	..	17	13	9	1	1	2	1	..	..	13	7	20	32	20 00	47	174 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Bright	Yes	
258	Guelph	Guelph	117	..	4	2	3	3	..	..	2	3	..	1	11	..	11	35	70 00	15	50 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	
262	Harriston	Harriston	99	7	..	5	4	3	2	..	..	..	..	1	12	4	16	24	54 00	18	79 50	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
271	Wellington	Erin	71	2	..	2	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	1	11	14	.....	17	92 00	Dec. '09	Fair	Good	Yes	300 00
279	New Hope	Hespeler	82	7	..	6	6	9	1	..	..	..	..	..	12	3	15	21	40 00	8	62 00	June 24, '09	Fair	Good	Yes	400 00
295	Conestoga	Drayton	56	3	..	3	3	5	..	..	3	2	..	1	12	..	12	15	60 00	2	11 00	Dec. 27, '09	Fair	Good	Yes	
297	Preston	Preston	72	3	..	3	3	3	1	1	2	..	..	..	10	4	14	21	.....	15	206 23	Dec. '09	Good	Good	Yes	800 00
306	Durham	Durham	60	2	..	1	2	2	..	..	1	..	..	1	13	3	16	14	.....	..	25 00	Dec. '09	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
314	Blair	Palmerston	91	2	..	5	5	5	1	..	2	..	..	2	12	1	13	15	20 12	33	256 99	Dec. '09	Fair	Good	Yes	500 00
315	Clifford	Clifford	62	8	..	6	6	6	2	..	..	..	..	..	12	3	15	18	15 00	2	19 50	Dec. '09	Good	Fair	Yes	none
334	Prince Arthur	Arthur	59	..	6	1	1	2	2	..	4	1	..	1	11	5	16	15	109 00	1	21 00	Dec. '09	v'y good	Fair	Yes	
347	Mercer	Fergus	62	3	..	3	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	6	10	10 00	4	....	Dec. '09	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
361	Waverley	Guelph	160	16	..	13	12	10	2	1	2	..	..	2	9	8	17	33	60 00	12	87 40	Dec. '09	Good	Good	Yes	1500 00
421	Scott	Grand Valley	87	1	..	6	4	3	..	..	5	..	..	..	11	4	15	17	61 00	8	90 50	Dec. '09	Good	Good	Yes	500 00

HAMILTON DISTRICT NO. 8

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I take pleasure in submitting my report of the condition of Masonry in this District, with a brief summary of my visits to the different lodges.

In general, I am glad to be able to state that every thing in the District is in a most satisfactory condition, and that there has been a decided progress in every way by every lodge.

At the very beginning, I wish to express my deep sense of obligation to W. Bro. G. R. Lloyd, P. M., of the Lodge of Strict Observance, who in all kindness consented to act as my District Secretary, and who has been my constant adviser and helper throughout the year. He was with me in twenty out of twenty-three official visits, and his executive ability and genial good-fellowship were a constant support at all times.

ROOMS AND EQUIPMENT

Whether due to the increasing wealth of the lodges, or a growing idea of the fitness of things, there is no doubt that the lodges are paying more attention to the beautifying of their rooms, and to the comfort of their members. In almost every lodge some improvement has been made in the apartments, sometimes at comparatively great expense, and these improvements, I am glad to say, have all been paid for without incurring debt. Every lodge, I think, is clear of all financial obligation, many of them own the buildings in which their rooms are, and the majority of them have substantial cash balances to their credit.

SECRETARIES AND TREASURERS

I do not know whether this District is particularly fortunate in its secretaries and treasurers, but in almost all the lodges, I have found the books in splendid

order, more particularly when the secretary happens to be, and he generally is, a Past Master of the lodge. It has always been my opinion that in a large lodge a permanent secretary is almost indispensable.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND

I am glad to be able to say that the unpaid balance of the S. C. B. Fund is diminishing with great speed. I can almost prophesy that by the end of next year this district will be clear of obligation in this respect. I desire in this place to express my great sense of gratitude for the invaluable assistance of R. W. Bro. W. F. Miller, who accompanied me time and again, and gave his labor and his eloquence to prove the merits of the movement. Much of the increase in our contribution is due to him. R. W. Bro. J. G. Liddell has done a great deal, also, more especially in his own lodge, the Doric of Brantford.

I would seriously suggest what I have been recommending throughout the year to the lodges yet in arrears, that they pay out of their lodge treasury the proportion still due to this fund, and not wait any longer for the rather halting charity of certain individuals.

THE WORK

The ritual, on the whole, is correctly and impressively rendered in all the lodges. Both Masters and officers seem to vie with each other in a healthy rivalry. Frequent visiting between lodges is one cause of this good state of things. I have been deprecating all year the admission of too many candidates, and I have preached my belief that the model lodge is the one which, when it has brought in enough candidates to have a degree or two a night, and when it can rely upon enough dues to pay expenses and have a little surplus will stop there. I have visions of seeing some day a "waiting list" in our lodges. Nor can I persuade myself that, when a Master works four or five first degrees in an evening, the work is being done as it should be done. Let us keep in mind that a man gets his First Degree only once, and that he remembers it as he does no other, and let us see that he gets it all in our best possible style. As for "thirds" many

members never see them but once; they are generally in their sensible beds when the call is made for "any candidates for the third degree."

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION

I held a Lodge of Instruction in Hamilton on Thursday, February 24th, and the results were eminently satisfactory. The work of the three degrees was exemplified by Masters picked from all the Hamilton lodges, not because there are not just as good workers elsewhere in the district, but because of the facility for good hard practices for the occasion. The attendance was particularly gratifying. Representatives were present from twenty of the twenty-three lodges in the District, many of them coming long distances at obvious inconvenience. The Grand Master himself graced the occasion with his presence, and was received with that loyal welcome which he deserves. Many knotty points were discussed, and, if not settled, were at any rate more clearly understood. The instruction and education which many received at this meeting have been the subject of many congratulatory words voiced in many lodges subsequently visited.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD

As I have forwarded to the special committee on "the Fraternal Dead' the names of all brethren who have died during the year, I omit them from this report.

My first visit was on Wednesday, Oct. 27, to Harmony Lodge, No. 57, Binbrook, where we were cordially received and royally entertained. This is a lodge which has seen bad days, but, thanks to some energetic Masters and Past Masters, who gave their best efforts and time to the work, the old lodge is now one of the most prosperous in the district, with a live membership and never flagging enthusiasm. Notwithstanding the fact that they were assessed for their quota of the S.C.B. Fund, according to the old membership roll, which had never been revised, and which contained a number of names of members who were dead or worse, they have paid up the full amount asked of them. They have, unfortunately, lost by removal an enthusiastic Past Master, Dr. D. G. McIlwraith, but there are many still left, and there are no

fears now for Harmony. On the occasion of my visit, R. W. Bro. W. F. Miller, spoke very forcibly on the question of benevolence, and his words were warmly received. A degree was well worked; the officers showed that they had had many a good practice. The lodge is fortunate in having a fine organist, a good organ, and some excellent singers.

Brant Lodge, No. 45, Brantford.—This lodge was visited on Tuesday, November 9th, 1909. The Brantford brethren have not yet deserted their old hall for their splendid new quarters, and the necessity for more ample accommodation was evident. This is a good lodge with a good staff of officers, and an energetic Secretary, Bro. G. Whitwill. The M. W. W. Bro. Montgomery, worked a first degree well. The advance of the lodge in membership has been phenomenal, and, although I do not like so many initiations in a year, certainly the quality of Brant's new members is unexceptionable. They have taken in nearly 70 candidates this year. Their S. C. B. contribution has not been completed, but I feel assured from the representations of the committee lately appointed to look after the fund, that it will not be long before he last cent is paid. The lodge has a cash balance to its credit of nearly $300, besides a special charity account of about $250. A certain percentage of all fees and dues goes to this benevolent fund.

Waterdown Lodge, No. 357, Millgrove.—I visited this lodge on Tuesday, November 23, and found a large number of members present. This lodge was one of the first in the district to pay up its quota to the S. C. B. Fund. It is fortunate in having a devoted band of Past Masters who never fail in their enthusiasm. The financial condition of the lodge is sound, and they are very careful about their material for membership. A Second Degree was well worked by the W. M., W. Bro. Brooks with some assistance from one of the Past Masters, W. Bro. Stewart.

Acacia Lodge, No. 61, Hamilton—Acacia has been very much alive all year, and has upheld its tradition as one of the best lodges in the country. Both W. Bro. Hugh Murray, who after a successful year in the East, has taken the office of Secretary of the lodge, and W. Bro. George Wilson, the present Master,

backed, as they are, by a loyal line of Past Masters, and a good staff of officers, have been doing yeoman service. I visited this lodge several times during the year, and saw much of their work. Interchanges of visits with Toronto lodges have promoted good feeling and a healthy good-natured rivalry. I paid my official visit on Friday, December 10, and conducted the election of officers. The financial condition of the lodge is good, and they do much in benevolent work. The lodge collects at every meeting for charitable purposes.

Temple Lodge, No. 324, Hamilton—My visit to Temple Lodge was on Tuesday, December 14, the date of their annual elections. Temple is growing better and stronger every year. The balance still due to the S. C. B. Fund has been wiped out this year. The lodge has a good staff of officers, and does good ritual work. They have net assets of over $2,500, and they have passed a by-law which compels the lodge to start each year with at least $100 at the credit of their lodge benevolent fund.

St. John's Lodge, No. 40, Hamilton—I visited St. John's, my own lodge, officially, on Thursday, December 16, and unofficially many other times during the year. At the December meeting I conducted the election of officers. This lodge is in good shape, better than ever, I think both financially and otherwise, with a good, strong backbone of Past Masters who watch carefully over the welfare of the lodge. The assets of St. John's amount to about $6,000, all safely invested; yet she does not stint her living. One of the pleasant spots in the year was a visit from Brant lodge of Brantford on the 17th of March, when St. Patrick shared the honors with the patron saint of the lodge.

The Lodge of Strict Observance, No. 27, Hamilton—This is another lodge which I have visited much in the past year. They are fond of their neighbors and love to visit and to entertain. Some of their "At Homes" are notable events in the history of the year. The coming of the Zetland Lodge in the fall of 1909 will long be remembered by those who were present. The lodge has assets of over $5,000, and is always remarkable for the small amount of dues in arrears.

With a membership of over 400 the arrearages are only about $25. The W. M. and his officers do good, clean-cut ritual work, and their loyalty to the lodge is intense. I visited them officially on Thursday, Dec. 17, and conducted the annual election. The East of the lodge room seems always overflowing with Past Masters on the nights when "Strict" meets.

Dundurn Lodge, No. 475, Hamilton—No longer the baby lodge of the city, but growing up into a sturdy youngster with health and wealth accruing, Dundurn shows the progress due to good officers, a painstaking energetic Secretary, and a helpful coterie of Past Masters who are charter members of the lodge. I visited them officially on Saturday, Dec. 18, and saw their election of officers. The average attendance of members for the year is about 50, a good percentage indeed, out of a membership of something over 100. Dundurn has already established a reputation for the exemplification of good work, and is intent on living up to its reputation.

St. George Lodge, No. 243, St. George—I visited this lodge officially on December 27, and had the good fortune to have with me M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, who is a member of the lodge, and who annually conducts the installation of officers. St. George has tried an experiment this year in putting back into harness a number of the old Past Masters of the lodge, and I thing the experiment will turn out successfully. They have recently paid their S. C. B. Fund quota. The lodge has a substantial cash balance, and their total surplus assets amount to over $800.

Wentworth Lodge, No. 166, Stoney Creek—I visited this lodge officially on Monday, Dec. 20, and presided over the election. The officers showed themselves fairly expert in such ritualistic work as I had them do. I am assured by the present W. M. that the completion of their payment to the S. C. B. Fund is only the matter of a few months. Wentworth Lodge is happy in the possession of a good live membership, and a number of loyal Past Masters who are always present and willing. The growth in membership has not been large, but they are very careful in their choice of material. They have raised their

initiation fee to $25, and their annual dues from $2 to $3.

Burlington Lodge, No. 165, Burlington—I visited this lodge on Wednesday, December 22, and conducted the election. There was a good attendance, and most of the Past Masters of the lodge were present. R. W. Bro. Lyman Lee, P.D.D.G.M., presented the lodge with a portrait of himself. Burlington has a soft side for social intercourse too, and visits back and forth with Oakville Lodge, the mutual good feeling growing thereby each year. The lodge is in a healthy financial state, having total assets of about $1,250, with no liabilities; a fine new lodge room, and a private benevolent fund of nearly $200. Their S. C. B. Fund contribution has all been paid.

Seymour Lodge, No. 272, Ancaster.—I visited this lodge on Tuesday, February 22, accompanied by a large number of Past Masters and other brethren from Hamilton. A First Degree was put on in excellent style by the W. M., W. Bro. Farmer, and his staff of officers. This is a good live lodge. It has cash assets of nearly $400. Over $200 has been spent in improving and repairing their building, which they own outright. Everything is fully insured. The average attendance of about 40 members in a lodge of 125, speaks well for the enthusiasm of Seymour Masons.

Doric Ldge, No. 121, Brantford—This lodge still keeps well to the front in membership, zeal and excellence of work. I am very glad, too, to be able to say that this year sees the final payment of Doric's quota of the S. C. B. Fund. The members moreover, seem not satisfied to do merely what they are asked to do, but they are going to contribute still further to the Fund. I saw a First Degree excellently worked on the occasion of my official visit on March 18, and I had the honor of presenting a Past Master's jewel to the I. P. M., W. Bro. T. R. Logan. Old Doric celebrated last October the semi-centennial of its institution, and did it fitly. The occasion was marked by the presence of the Grand Master, and many other noted Masons. There is nothing to fear for No. 121, and although the furnishing of their

splendid new hall will subtract somewhat from their present assets of about $4,000, yet the careful management of the lodge by its old Past Masters and energetic Secretary, W. Bro. J. C. Spence, ensures as great success in the future as they have had in the past.

St. Clair Lodge, No. 135, Milton—This is a good lodge. The officers with the W. M., W. Bro. Elliott at their head, are as good workers of the ritual as can be found anywhere. They have pleasant, commodious and well-furnished apartments. They have a substantial cash balance in the bank of about $400. The outstanding arrearages of dues is comparatively small. They have had a fair amount of work during the year, and everything points to a more pronounced progress than has been. I am sorry to say that the quota to the S. C. B. Fund has not been fully paid. The W. M., however, assures me that he will make it his business to see that it is paid very soon. I visited the lodge on Thursday, March 24, and saw a First Degree well worked.

Credit Lodge, No. 219, Georgetown—I visited this lodge with many pleasurable anticipations, on Friday, March 25th, and was not disappointed. A pretty lodge room, clean, bright furniture and paraphernalia, good workers, and a healthy enthusiasm all went to make up an attractive evening. The W. M., W. Bro. Harley put on a Second Degree and worked it well. Before I was allowed to enter the lodge room the members voted to pay the balance due on the S. C. B. Fund out of the treasury. So much for a reputation for scolding; and, seriously, so much for the untiring efforts on behalf of the S. C. B. Fund of one or two of the old Past Masters, notably W. Bro. Major L. Grant. This lodge has a membership of about 95 and has an average attendance of 25. This lodge is particularly careful about the kind of men allowed to enter among them.

Walker Lodge, No. 321, Acton.—Accompanied by V. W. Bro. W. J. McAllister I visited this lodge on Monday, April 18. I was delighted to find one of the prettiest rooms in the District newly lighted with electric lights, through the gracious kindness of one of the Past Masters. I saw a First Degree well put

on by the W. M., W. Bro. Kennedy. A number of brethren from Credit lodge swelled the attendance. This lodge still owes a small amount to the S. C. B. Fund, but I was assured by the W. M. that the obligation would be discharged within twelve months. The lodge has a resident membership of about 30, and a non-resident membership of about the same number, and their average attendance has been about 16. They have assets of over $700, of which about $400 is cash. They gave $25 in benevolent grants during the year.

Oakville Lodge, No. 400, Oakville.—I visited this lodge on Tuesday, April 19, accompanied by a carload of Past Masters and other enthusiasts from the Ambitious City. A number from Burlington Lodge helped to fill the commodious room, which was none too large for the crowd. W. Bro. A. Hillmer, the W. M., exemplified the work of the First Degree and did it well. The charge in the N. E. was a treat from R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan. Oakville is blessed with a fine band of Past Masters. Their S. C. B. Fund quota is still deficient, but they say they will have it in before the next report. They have cash assets of $650, and no liabilities. I have no apprehension for the future of Oakville Lodge.

Valley Lodge, No. 100, Dundas—I visited this lodge on Monday, May 9, when the news of the King's death was still fresh, and, at my suggestion, the proceedings of the evening were very quiet. W. Bro. Mount opened and closed in the different degrees, and a short discussion of interesting points followed. The S. C. B. Fund is still behind here. The W. M. is going to see that the amount still due is liquidated before next year. The lodge can well stand the payment. It has cash assets of over $800, with no debts; a live membership of over 150, and an average initiation of one a month.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 62, Caledonia—I visited this lodge on Wednesday, May 18, and was fortunate to have with me R. W. Bro. G. C. Holden, and V. W. Bro. W. J. McAllister. I found the lodge all that tradition has painted it. It has a good Master, good officers, and a good line of Past Masters, among whom V. W. Bro. Old is notable.

The lodge possesses, too, an invaluable asset in its Secretary, W. Bro. Thompson. This was one of the first lodges of the district to pay up its S. C. B. Fund quota. Its jurisdiction is not large, but it has initiated six in the past year, has a substantial balance in the treasury, and has paid out for private benevolent purposes $80. I saw the officers open and close in the different degrees, and various knotty points were discussed and solved to the satisfaction of all.

The Barton Lodge, No. 6, Hamilton—I visited old Barton on the night of their annual meeting, Friday, June 3, and conducted the election of officers. W. Bro. Dr. O'Reilly, the W. M., has had a year of good work, and has had little leisure from Masonic business. The Barton is a good entertainer, and its Master, with all his splendid backing of a long line of Most Worshipful, Right Worshipful and Worshipful Past Masters, has yet a great deal to do. I had seen the work of the officers on other occasions to be admirable, and, therefore, with the election of officers the evening passed.

Electric Lodge, U. D., Hamilton—This lodge's work I had been watching pretty carefully throughout the year from the outside, and, therefore, what I saw on the inside on the occasion of my official visit on Wednesday, June 15, did not entirely surprise me, although it was a great gratification. In this, the baby lodge, we have a number of old Past Masters of other lodges as charter members, who are applying their experience to the good of the lodge. An old Mason Treasurer, V. W. Bro. James Dixon, assisted by an old Mason Secretary, W. Bro. W. F. Montague, both led by an old Mason, Worshipful Master W. Bro. Fred Miller, and backed by a zealous band of officers, have made a success of Electric Lodge in its one year of life. The Master worked a First Degree and did it well. The officers all showed proficiency in their work. The lodge has accumulated a cash balance of about $500, after buying the necessary jewels and paraphernalia, and has no liabilities. The lodge has held 16 meetings during the year, with an average attendance of 32. They have initiated 24 candi-

dates. The present membership is 67. The future of the Electric Lodge looks very bright.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 291, West Flamboro—This lodge has been putting on new clothes this year in the way of enlarging of the hall, new ceilings, new walls, and an improved approach to the rooms, and I waited until their last meeting of the year, Thursday, June 16, before visiting them, that I might see them at their best. The members are to be congratulated on their judicious outlay for improvements, and they have now a very comfortable, pretty room. The lodge has been doing good work all year. The W. M., W. Bro. Biggs, opened and closed in the different degrees, and we had a profitable talk on Masonic points for the instruction of the brethren. The lodge has not yet paid up its S. C. B. Fund assessment, but will do so before another year. The Secretary, W. Bro. A. Jones, is a tower of strength to the lodge.

Doric Lodge, No. 382, Hamilton—I visited the Hamilton Doric at their annual meeting on June 20, and conducted the election of officers. A pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation by R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, (who by the way, was Doric's first Master), of a set of regalia, the lodge's gift to V. W. Bro. James Cheyne, Past Grand Junior Deacon, who has done good work for Doric Lodge, has never missed a meeting of his lodge, except when in the hospital, and is now a never failing asset of the lodge. Doric is comparatively wealthy. It has no liabilities, and has a surplus of about $5,200. They have had a net increase of 17, after suspending 10 delinquents. It is gratifying to a lodge to feel that its members are all "live."

In concluding this report, I must confess to many short-comings in my proposed work. My ambitions were high, and the results have been far short of my hopes, but I have many lovely memories of a pleasant year, many delightful recollections of new friendships formed and old ones strengthened, much cherished knowledge of the depth and breadth of Masonic brotherly love; and though others may not have received that benefit from me which I should have

given, and though I have failed oftentimes where I would fain have succeeded, at any rate I know one who is a better man and a better Mason for the year's work, and that one is myself.

Fraternally submitted,

W. M. LOGAN, D.D.G.M.
Hamilton District, No. 8.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table showing the work done in Hamilton District, No. 8, from June 24th, 1909, to June 24th, 1910

Number of Lodge	NAME OF LODGE	LOCATION	Membership		Degree's Conf'd			Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N.P.D.	Suspensions other causes	Deceased	Meet'gs held			Average attend'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. meb'rs 12 m'ths in arr'rs	Total of all arrearages	Date of last G. L. return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W.M. work all degrees	Insurance
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	Decrease during year	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.							Regular	Emergent	Total									
6	Barton	Hamilton	412	23	..	15	16	15	7	1	2	..	..	3	12	5	17	81	82 00	14	356 00	June 24, '10	Good	Good	Yes	joint
27	Strict. Ob. ..	Hamilton	403	12	..	18	18	19	6	0	1	2	..	9	13	5	18	51	88 80	11	22 75	June 24, '10	Good	Excel'nt	Yes	joint
40	St. John's ...	Hamilton	467	20	..	25	19	20	6	1	2	4	..	6	12	5	17	62	168 40	7	219 50	June 24, '10	1st class	Bright	Yes	joint
45	Brant	Brantford	288	52	..	63	63	52	..	3	1	15	..	..	11	25	36	25	15 00	35	389 00	June 24, '10	v'y good	v'y good	Yes	1200 00
57	Harmony ...	Binbrook	58	9	..	7	7	6	3	1	..	..	..	..	13	1	14	14	10 00	..	26 00	Dec. 29, '09	Good	Good	No	900 00
61	Acacia	Hamilton	421	22	..	24	19	19	13	..	4	6	..	5	13	10	23	44	137 40	63	183 25	June 24, '10	Good	Good	Yes	joint
62	St. Andrews.	Caledonia	63	6	..	6	5	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	12	16	80 00	7	54 00	June 24, '10	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
100	Valley	Dundas	153	7	..	12	12	13	2	3	5	1	..	4	12	6	18	32	56 60	9	90 50	June 24, '10	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
121	Doric	Brantford	444	31	..	8	35	34	3	..	1	5	..	6	11	28	39	44	266 01	44	163 00	June 24, '10	Excel'nt	Good	Yes	1000 00
135	St. Clair	Milton	107	5	..	8	4	5	..	..	1	..	..	2	9	4	13	21	20 00	2	208 50	June 24, '10	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
165	Burlington .	Burlington	127	10	..	11	10	10	1	..	2	..	..	..	14	5	19	30	35 00	11	49 50	June 24, '10	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
166	Wentworth .	Stoney Creek .	136	..	3	2	2	1	2	..	5	..	..	2	13	..	13	28	25 00	20	125 00	June 24, '10	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
219	Credit	Georgetown	93	5	..	4	4	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	12	3	15	21	.....	6	32 00	June 24, '10	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
243	St. George ..	St. George	75	2	..	3	3	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	15	3	18	20	.....	16	84 00	June 24, '10	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
272	Seymour ...	Ancaster	125	4	..	5	5	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	13	2	15	42	5 00	58	204 15	June 24, '10	Good	Good	Yes	Yes
291	Dufferin	W. Flamboro ..	94	..	4	7	7	6	1	1	4	8	..	1	13	2	15	24	10 00	6	50 00	June 24, '10	Fair	Good	Yes	200 00
321	Walker	Acton West ...	61	3	..	5	5	4	..	..	2	..	..	..	13	2	15	14	10 00	13	24 50	June 24, '10	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
324	Temple	Hamilton	48	10	..	21	22	18	3	1	6	4	..	5	12	7	19	50	172 00	56	169 00	June 24, '10	Good	Good	Yes	joint
357	Waterdown .	Millgrove	103	..	..	6	4	2	..	..	..	4	..	2	12	..	12	24	20 00	15	40 00	June 24, '10	Fair	Good	Yes	150 00
382	Doric	Hamilton	336	9	..	25	16	18	8	1	4	9	..	2	13	3	16	56	191 15	101	308 25	June 24, '10	Excel'nt	Good	Yes	joint
400	'Oakville ...	Oakville	136	3	..	6	6	3	..	..	2	1	..	..	11	1	12	28	65 00	13	33 50	June 24, '10	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
475	Dundurn ...	Hamilton	116	12	..	15	14	14	3	..	5	..	..	..	12	1	13	34	22 00	50	190 00	June 24, '10	Good	Bright	Yes	joint
UD	Electric	Hamilton	67	67	..	24	18	12	44	..	1	..	..	..	13	3	16	32	.....	..	....	June 24, '10	Good	Good	Yes	joint

GEORGIAN DISTRICT NO. 9

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to present my report for Georgian District No. 9.

First, I desire to express my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by the brethren in electing me to represent the M. W. the Grand Master; also for the kindness, courtesy and consideration with which I have invariably been received throughout the District.

I visited every lodge in the district and am pleased to say I consider the general condition of Masonry throughout the District excellent. Substantial progress is being made, members are being added and I am pleased to note greater care is being taken in the choice of material and that the influence of Masonry in deeds of kindness and benevolence is clearly evident.

The lodges without exception are in good working order and are steadily adding to their numbers. The great rush to the West, however, prevents their total membership becoming large.

Nearly all the rooms are comfortable and well furnished. In some, however, the ante rooms and coat rooms are not as commodious as could be desired.

I think I am quite justified in saying that all the officers show an evident desire to fill their positions to the best of their ability, and, as a rule, the work is given correctly.

The books I found to be well kept and give full and complete reports.

I have endeavored to impress upon the brethren the necessity of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund and their duty to settle up any arrears, and I feel confident from the assurances given me that by the next meeting of Grand Lodge, the total will be paid up.

October 25, 1909—By direction of the M. W. the Grand Master I constituted and consecrated Hiram Lodge, No. 490, Markdale. I was assisted by R. W. Bro. Campbell, P.D.D.G.M., and P. Ms. Richardson and Blakely. The officers being duly installed, a fourth degree was provided by the Markdale brethren and was much enjoyed.

January 25, 1910—Visited Kerr Lodge, No. 230, Barrie, There was a large attendance. Four First Degrees were conferred; rather too much work for one evening, but owing to the number of applicants it was considered necessary. The work was well and impressively given. W. Bro. Webb was assisted by W. Bro. Biggs and P. Ms. Palling and Beecroft. The lodge is in a flourishing condition and peace and harmony prevail.

February 3, 1910—Visited Georgian Lodge, No. 348, Penetanguishene. There was a good attendance, there being a number of visitors from Midland and other places. One candidate was initiated by W. Bro. Travers, assisted by his staff of officers. The work was well and impressively given. The lodge is fortunate in having a number of Past Masters, who take a lively interest in the work, and as a result every part of the work is nearly perfect. Refreshments were provided and a very pleasant hour was spent after the close of the lodge.

February 28, 1910—Visited Simcoe Lodge, No. 79, Bradford. The attendance was good, the lodge room being filled to its capacity. One candidate was initiated by W. B. Webb and his officers in an impressive manner. R. W. Bro. Broughton, P. D. D. G. M., W. Bro. Jones of Newmarket; also visitors from Schomberg, Beeton, Stroud and other places were present. A fourth degree was much enjoyed.

Caledonia Lodge, No. 249, Midland.—I visited this lodge on the 21st of March, at its regular meeting. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. A First Degree was exemplified in a very impressive manner by W. Bro. Thornton, W. M., and officers. This is a progressive and up-to-date lodge, and no doubt has a bright future before it.

Victoria Lodge No. 470, Victoria Harbor—Visited this lodge on the 23rd of March. A First Degree was exemplified by Dr. Porter, W. M., and his officers in an exemplary manner. A pleasing feature of the ceremony was that the candidate was a son of the W. M. The attendance was good. Several visitors were present from Coldwater and other places. A fourth degree was provided and an hour very pleasantly spent.

Karnak Lodge, U. D., Coldwater—I visited this lodge on the 24th of March. There was a good attendance. Three Second Degrees were conferred. This was found to be necessary as two of the brethren were going away as soon as navigation opened, and were anxious to get through before doing so. The work was all done by W. Bro. Simon and his officers. The lodge is laboring under the disadvantage of a shifting population. The J. W. has been twice changed, the I. G. once since their institution, and the S. W. is also leaving to go West. Notwithstanding these disadvantages the lodge is doing good work, and doubtless has a bright future before it. There were a number of visitors present from Victoria Harbor and other places. A Fourth Degree was provided and a pleasant hour spent.

Tottenham, No. 461—I visited this lodge on the 28th of March. There was a good attendance, a number of visitors being present. A Third Degree was conferred by W. B. Potter in a very impressive manner. They have a very comfortable and commodious lodge room with all the necessary furniture. A fourth degree was much enjoyed.

Manitoba Lodge, No. 236, Cookstown—Visited this lodge on March 29th. There was a good attendance. A number of visitors from Alliston, Beeton, Tottenham, Schomberg and other places being present. A Third Degree was conferred by W. Bro. McKay, assisted by an excellent staff of officers. W. Bro. McKay, although a young Mason is one of the best in the District. The work was well and impressively given. An enjoyable fourth degree was provided

Manito Lodge, No. 90, Collingwood—I visited this lodge on the 30th of March. There was a good attendance, the large and beautiful lodge room being

well filled. A Third Degree was conferred by W. Bro. Stephens and his officers. The work was absolutely perfect. This is due, in a measure, no doubt, to the active interest taken by a number of P. Ms.; also to there being no less than four P.D.D.G.Ms. members of the lodge, R. W. Bros. Toner, Nettleton, Aylesworth and Knight, all of whom were present on the occasion of my visit and added much to the pleasure of the evening. A fourth degree was exemplified and much enjoyed.

Coronation Lodge, No. 466, Elmvale—I visited this lodge on the 1st of April. A candidate was initiated in a correct and impressive manner by W. Bro. Thompson, assisted by an efficient staff of officers. A number of visitors were present among whom were W. Bro. Webb, of Kerr Lodge, Barrie; W. Bro. Sneath of Corinthian Lodge, Barrie, and W. Bro. Simon of Karnak Lodge, Coldwater. After the lodge closed a fourth degree was apparently much enjoyed.

Minerva Lodge, No. 304, Stroud—Visited this lodge, April 6th. A large number turned out. Visitors present from Barrie, Cookstown and other places. A candidate was initiated by W. Bro. Bowman and his staff of officers. The work was well and impressively given. The lodge room is not all that could be desired but the brethren intend either building a new room or moving to more suitable quarters very shortly. Refreshments were provided by the ladies and much appreciated.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 96, Barrie—I visited this lodge on the 7th of April. A large number were present, partly no doubt owing to the presence of the M. W. the Grand Master, who was visiting his mother lodge on the 25th anniversary of his initiation. He was accompanied by R. W. Bro. A. White, D.G.M. W. Bro. Sneath and his officers conferred a Second Degree in as correct and impressive a manner as could possibly be done in the crowded lodge room. A pleasant part of the proceedings was the presentation of a P. M's. Jewel to M. W. Bro. Macwatt, and a locket to R. W. Bro. Cowan, both of whom thanked the brethren in neat speeches. Addresses were given by

M. W. Bro. Macwatt and R. W. Bro. White. Refreshments were provided and a pleasant hour spent in listening to speeches, songs and recitations, for which Corinthian Lodge is famous.

Spry Lodge, No. 385, Beeton—I visited this lodge on April 18th. There was a good attendance; visitors from Stroud, Tottenham, Alliston and Cookstown being present. A third degree was well exemplified by W. Bro. Carter and his officers. A very pleasing feature of the lodges situated in the south of the District is the harmony which seems to exist among the brethren of the different lodges. They visit each other at almost every meeting, sometimes driving eight or ten miles. After the close of the lodge, an hour was pleasantly spent in the banquet room.

Northern Light Lodge, No. 266, Stayner—Visited this lodge April 19th. The evening was very stormy, which no doubt prevented a good many from attending. There were 35 present. A candidate was initiated by W. Bro. Bell in a correct and impressive manner, assisted by R. W. Bro. Bethune. The lodge is in a healthy and growing condition. The evening of my visit, two brethren affiliated; there was also an application for initiation and one for affiliation, so that although the lodge has been at a standstill for some time, judging by appearances they will soon make up for lost time. W. Bro. Bell is a model Master, has a good staff of assistants, and R. W. Bro. Bethune, P. D. D. G. M., is a regular attendant, an enthusiastic Mason and ably assists in keeping the work up to the standard. Refreshments were provided and a very pleasant hour spent.

Beaver Lodge, No. 234, Clarksburg—April 20 visited this lodge. There was a good attendance. I was sorry to miss my esteemed friend, R. W. Bro. Dickenson, who was unavoidably absent owing to illness. R. W. Bros. Pye, Kent and Hartman, P. D. D. G. Ms., were present and added much to the pleasure of the evening. A Third Degree was conferred by W. Bro. Canning in an exemplary manner, although he was suffering with throat trouble, and had to retire before the close of the lodge. The assistant officers were well posted and showed careful training. Refresh-

ments were provided and an hour very pleasantly spent in the banquet room.

Pythagoras Lodge, No. 137, Meaford—I visited this lodge on the 21st of April, the commodious and beautifully furnished room being well filled. A Third Degree was conferred in a perfect manner by W. Bro. Hartman and his staff of officers. This is one of the most flourishing and up-to-date lodges in the District. A number of P. Ms. take a lively interest in the work and tend to keep up the standard. The candidate who received the degree, was, I think, without exception, the best prepared I ever saw. A fourth degree was exemplified in due form and much enjoyed.

Seven Star Lodge, No. 285, Alliston—I visited this lodge on the 4th of May. There was a good attendance, several visitors being present from Beeton and other places. W. Bro. Asaph initiated a candidate in a correct and impressive manner.

Refreshments were provided, and an hour very pleasantly spent.

Nitetis Lodge, No. 444, Creemore—I visited this lodge on the 5th of May. There was a good attendance of members, also a number of visitors from Alliston, Stayner and other places. The work of the evening was a Second Degree, which was given by W. Bro. Lawrence and his officers in a very satisfactory manner. The candidate was hardly as well prepared as he should have been. The pleasure of the evening was enhanced by the presence of R. W. Bro. Bethune, P.D.D.G.M., and W. Bro. Bell of Stayner, and the veteran Mason, W. Bro. Hood. Refreshments were provided at the Mitchell Hotel and much enjoyed.

Hiram Lodge, No. 490, Markdale—Visited this lodge, May 10, and was well received by the brethren. There was a good attendance; also a number of visitors. W. Bro. Armstrong passed a candidate in a very efficient and satisfactory manner, being well supported by his officers. This lodge is in good condition, with promising prospects. At the close of the lodge an hour was very pleasantly spent in the banquet room.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 333, Flesherton—I visited this lodge on the 11th of May, the brethren kindly

holding a special meeting for the purpose. There was a good attendance of members, as well as a number of visitors from Toronto and other places. W. Bro. Blakely and his staff of officers very efficiently exemplified a First Degree. A fourth degree was much enjoyed.

While here I had the pleasure of spending a very pleasant hour with W. Bro. Blackburn, who has been an invalid and confined to his room for about twenty years. He is an enthusiastic Mason, acts as Secretary for the lodge, and is able to perform some other duties while reclining on his couch. If some of the brethren who have not yet contributed to the S. C. B. Fund, could meet this worthy brother, they would not only gladly pay their quota, but feel proud to have a share in so noble a cause.

Dundalk Lodge, No. 449, Dundalk—Visited this lodge May 12th. This was also a special meeting. The work of the evening was an initiation, which was given by W. Bro. Champ, and his officers very impressively. There was a good attendance of members, also a number of visitors from Toronto and other places. A fourth degree was provided and much enjoyed.

Lorne Lodge, No. 377, Shelburne—I made my official visit to this lodge on the 13th of May, also a special meeting. A Third Degree was very well given by W. M. Bro. Watson, ably supported by his officers. There was a good attendance of members as well as a number of visitors. R. W. Bro. Campbell, P.D.D.G.M., was present and added to the pleasure of my visit. Refreshments were much enjoyed.

North Star Lodge, No. 322, and St. George Lodge, No 88, Owen Sound—I visited these lodges on the 25th of May. They kindly consented to hold a joint meeting for my convenience. Their large and beautifully furnished room was well filled with members and visitors, who gave me an enthusiastic reception. W. Bro. Woodside with his officers, exemplified a Second Degree very efficiently, after which W. Bro. Mengie, W. M. of St. George Lodge, assumed the gavel and put on the Third Degree in an excellent manner. It is a pleasure to note the harmony that exists between these two lodges, which is characteristic

of the spirit of Masonry. R. W. Bros. Wright and Rutherford were present, and I am sure much of the success of these lodges is due to their kindly advice and supervision. Refreshments were provided in the banquet hall, adjoining the lodge room, and a very pleasant hour spent.

Orillia Lodge, No. 192, Orillia—I visited this lodge on the 27th of May. Their beautiful lodge room was filled to overflowing. Owing to the absence of W. Bro. Parsons in Europe, I had left this lodge till the last, awaiting his return. The work of the evening was a First Degree, which was very satisfactorily given by W. Bro. Parsons and his officers. A number of visiting brethren were present. The usual banquet was held at the close of the lodge and a very pleasant time spent.

In conclusion I wish to report that on the whole the condition of Masonry in the District is prosperous.

In making this brief report I feel that I have overlooked many who should have received special recognition from me.

I have endeavored to perform the duty assumed by me when I accepted the office and am sure any criticisms made have been taken in the spirit intended, and trust my year as D. D. G. M. has not been without benefit.

I cannot conclude without thanking the brethren for the kindness shown me on all occasions. I thoroughly enjoyed my visits and shall not soon forget the kind friends I met, nor the pleasant hours spent.

Fraternally submitted,
W. A. SNEATH, D.D.G.M.,
Georgian District No. 9.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Table shewing the work done in Georgian District, No. 9, from June 24th, 1909, to June 24th, 1910

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Membership: Total No. of all Mem.	Membership: Increase during year	Membership: Decrease during year	Degree's Conf'rd: E. A.	Degree's Conf'rd: F. C.	Degree's Conf'rd: M. M.	Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased	Meet'gs held: Regular	Meet'gs held: Emergent	Meet'gs held: Total	Average attend'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. me'b'rs 12 m'ths in arr'rs	Total of all arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance
79	Simcoe	Bradford	78	5	..	4	3	1	1	..	2	..	..	2	12	1	13	25	.....	..	.....	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
88	St. George	Owen Sound	160	14	12	10	9	11	4	..	1	7	1	3	15	6	21	20	80 00	16	160 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
90	Manito	Collingwood	206	11	..	9	5	4	4	..	3	..	..	2	12	5	17	30	125 00	3	20 00	June 25, '10	Good	Good	Yes	900 00
96	Corinthian	Barrie	205	13	..	15	8	8	2	2	2	..	..	4	10	11	21	30	40 00	18	178 00	Jan. 6, '10	Good	Good	Yes	H.trust
137	Pythagoris	Meaford	120	..	1	4	4	4	1	1	5	2	..	..	9	4	13	24	10 00	2	10 00	June 24, '09	Good	Good	Yes	650 00
192	Orillia	Orillia	190	11	..	11	8	7	..	..	..	..	..	2	11	7	18	43	90 00	20	125 00	Dec. '09	Good	Good	Yes	1500 00
230	Kerr	Barrie	118	18	..	15	8	7	3	..	..	..	..	..	12	6	18	19	20 00	40	90 00	Dec. 31, '09	Good	Fine	Yes	1250 00
234	Beaver	Clarksburg																								
236	Manitoba	Cookstown	70	..	..	1	1	6	3	..	2	..	..	2	12	4	16	18	15 00	..	.....	Dec. '09	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
249	Caledonian	Midland	144	14	7	11	10	11	4	3	..	7	..	3	11	5	16	42	110 00	8	37 65	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	
266	North'n L't.	Stayner	34	5	2	4	3	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	13	1	14	..	.....	..	.....	June, 1909	Good	Good	Yes	
285	Seven Star	Alliston																								
304	Minerva	Stroud	87	2	..	..	3	5	2	..	..	..	..	..	11	3	14	23	5 00	6	38 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Fair	Yes	200 00
322	North Star	Owen Sound	81	6	4	3	4	4	..	2	1	..	..	1	12	5	17	16	8 00	3	18 00	June, 1909	Good	Good	Yes	1200 00
333	Pr. Arthur	Flesherton	53	4	6	4	5	4	..	..	5	..	..	2	9	4	13	16	65 00	10	104 00	Dec. 7, '09	Good	Good	Yes	250 00
348	Georgian	Penetang																								
377	Lorne	Shelburne	83	3	..	6	5	6	1	..	2	..	..	2	13	5	18	24	39 65	19	70 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
385	Spry	Beeton	86	3	..	4	6	7	1	..	2	..	..	..	15	4	19	30	.....	..	.....	Jan. 4, '10	Good	Good	Yes	
444	Nitetis	Creemore	68	10	..	9	8	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	10	3	13	14	25 00	15	90 00		Good	Good	1,2	400 00
449	Dundalk	Dundalk	41	2	..	2	3	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	2	15	14	10 00	..	58 00	Jan. 24, '09	Weak	Fair	Yes	
466	Coronation	Elmvale	67	6	5	6	3	6	..	..	4	..	..	1	13	5	18	23½	.....	2	23 75	Jan. 13, '10	Fair	Good	Yes	
467	Tottenham	Tottenham	53	8	..	7	7	7	1	..	1	..	..	1	14	3	17	15	.....	..	.....	June '09	O. K.	Good	Yes	200 00
470	Victoria	Vic. Harbor	80	6	..	6	5	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	4	14	25	.....	1	6 00	Dec. 22, '09	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
490	Hiram	Markdale	22	4	3	4	3	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	12	1	13	12	.....	..	.....	Jan 27, '10	Fair	Fair	Yes	Ins.
UD	Karnak	Coldwater	36	9	..	7	14	12	2	..	..	..	..	..	11	3	14	15	.....	..	.....	Jan. 29, '10	Good	Good	Yes	300 00

NIAGARA DISTRICT NO. 10

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I take great pleasure in presenting my report on the condition of Masonry in the above District for the past year.

I desire in the first place to express my appreciation to the brethren of the Niagara District for electing me to this high and important position as representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master.

As my report will necessarily be a little lengthy on account of the dedications that I have been directed to perform by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, I will endeavor to make it as brief as possible, and if I omit references to any of my Masonic brethren who so willingly assisted me throughout this District during the year I trust they will pardon me.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. Hamilton Merritt, of St. George's Lodge No. 15, St. Catharines, District Secretary, and W. Bro. Rev. W. de la Rosa, District Chaplain, and I wish to thank them both for the great assistance they rendered me, particularly the District Chaplain, as you will see by my report that he had a very heavy year as we by the direction of the M. W. the Grand Master, dedicated 19 lodges in this District, thereby completing all dedications necessary and on every occasion W. Bro. de la Rosa officiated as Grand Chaplain.

OFFICIAL VISITS

Ivy Lodge, No. 115, Beamsville. I made my first visit to this lodge on the 28th of September, on which occasion I was accompanied by many local brethren. W. Bro. Woodland, and his officers exemplified the first degree in a very satisfactory manner. They are in a very flourishing condition, both Masonically and financially. W. Bro. Fairbrother, one of their P.

Ms., is a great support to this lodge, and I predict a bright future for Ivy lodge.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 338, Wellandport—I visited this lodge on the 26th of October, and although the roads were in a very bad condition, we had a magnificent meeting, there being in the neighborhood of fifty brethren out. The First Degree was exemplified in a fair manner. The officers require a little brushing up in their work. W. Bro. Gracey's work was especially good. This lodge has a very able adviser in V. W. Bro. Schafly. W. Bro. Pattinson from Merritt Lodge, Welland, together with many other brethren from near-by lodges were present. This lodge is in a fair financial condition, but has too many outstanding dues, which they have appointed a special committee to collect.

St. John's Lodge, No. 35, Cayuga—I visited this lodge on the 28th of October. The lodge is in a flourishing condition, there being a large attendance of members and officers among whom I had the pleasure of meeting W. Bros. Martindale and Wampole, of Enniskillen Lodge, No. 185, York. It was particularly pleasing to see the interest R. W. Bro. J. A. Hoshal, P.D.D.G.M., takes in this lodge. It ought to inspire the younger members. The Second Degree was exemplified in a very impressive manner by I. P. M., E. S. Baxter and officers. I cannot speak too highly of St. John's Lodge, Cayuga. They are an enthusiastic, loyal lot of Masons. They have a very comfortable lodge room, dues are in good shape, and are fortunate in possessing a number of very active P.Ms.

Enniskillen Lodge, No. 185, York—I visited this lodge on October 29th, accompanied by R. W. Bro. J. A. Hoshal and W. Bro. E. S. Baxter, together with several of the brethren of St. John's Lodge, Cayuga. The attendance was exceptionally good considering the small membership. There being no work for the evening, I requested W. Bro. Wampole to open and close the lodge in the three degrees, which they did in a very able manner. They are very enthusiastic. W. Bro. Martindale is a P. M. they may well be proud of, and with his assistance they are doing all they can to forward the interests

of the lodge and put it in better shape. They have the true principles of Masonry, which we all admire.

Clifton Lodge, No. 254, Niagara Falls—My visit to this lodge was made November 4th. I was accompanied by a number of very prominent Masons, among whom were R. W. Bro. H. J. Johnson, P. D. D. G. M., and W. Bro. G. H. Brown, of Chippawa. A very pleasing feature of the evening was the work in the First Degree upon which occasion W. Bro. Schackel initiated his own son. The work was very well done. Clifton Lodge is very prosperous. They have an efficient Secretary whose books are well and neatly kept.

Union Lodge, No. 7, Grimsby—I visited this lodge on the 25th of November. I regret to say that W. Bro. Griffith, Master of the lodge, was taken suddenly ill with appendicitis and had to be removed to the hospital at Hamilton. As Grand Lodge notices for the dedication were out, I could not very well cancel my visit. I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. J. DeW. Randall, P.D.D.G.M., of Niagara-on-the-Lake, and a number of brethren from Ivy, Dufferin, and near-by lodges. W. Bro. Harrison occupied the chair and in a very creditable manner exemplified the Second Degree. I can also compliment this lodge on their very capable subordinate officers. On the whole they are a very capable lot of Masons. R. W. Bro. Drope, P.D.D.G.M., and R. W. Bro. Forbes, P. G. J. W., are a strong combination, together with the P. Ms. and help make Union Lodge as prosperous as it is. They have a very efficient Secretary, who thoroughly understands his work and looks after it.

Myrtle Lodge, No. 331, Port Robinson. I visited this lodge on the 21st of December, accompanied by W. Bro. George Burch of St. George's Lodge, No. 15, St. Catharines, W. Bros. Hoover and McGill of Mountain Lodge, No. 221, Thorold, and many other brethren from our city lodges. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Drope, of Union Lodge, No. 7, Grimsby, and R. W. Bro. G. H. Pettitt, P. D. D. G. M., of Welland, who rendered great service in the dedication of the lodge rooms that afternoon. There being no work, the officers opened and closed

the lodge in a very satisfactory manner, convincing me that they were well able to look after the affairs of Myrtle Lodge. They are, without doubt true Masons.

Merritt Lodge, No. 168, Welland—I made my visit to this lodge, January 10th, 1910, accompanied by many of my local brethren. On this occasion I had the pleasure of meeting again R. W. Bro. Schafly, of Dufferin Lodge; also R. W. Bro. White, P. G. J. W., of Georgina Lodge, No. 343, Toronto; R. W. Bro. Pettit, of Copestone Lodge; R. W. Bro. Crow, and several other visiting brethren from near-by lodges. W. Bro. Col. Cohoe was in the East, and exemplified the Second Degree in an exceptionally creditable manner. He has a very efficient staff of subordinate officers, especially Bro. John Goodwin, S. W., and Bro. W. D. Ross, J. W. In fact, all of them were almost faultless. W. Bro. Harry Ford, their I. P. M., is a great help to Merritt Lodge, also R. W. Bro. J. H. Crow and W. Bro. B. A. Pattinson, who take an active interest in the lodge. Merritt Lodge has a good lot of P. Ms. able and willing to help at all times. This year W. Bro. Col. Cohoe is putting forth every effort with his officers to bring Merritt Lodge as near perfection as possible and is meeting with huge success.

Mountain Lodge, No. 221, Thorold—I visited this lodge, January 19th, accompanied by a large number of local brethren and we had a very large representative meeting. W. Bro. Dinwoodie and his officers exemplified the first degree in a very able manner. Their books are well and neatly kept and they have a very comfortable lodge room. They look to W. Bro. Hoover for advice in all matters, and well they may, for W. Bro. Hoover is a P. M. any lodge may be proud to call one of their own. He is a good true Mason in every sense of the word. I think the brethren acted wisely in electing Bro. Dinwoodie to the East as I look upon him as a very bright Master. Mountain Lodge is in a healthy condition with a good staff of P. Ms.

St. Mark's Lodge, No. 105, Niagara Falls South.—I paid my visit to this lodge January 25th, accompanied by a large number of brethren from St. Cath-

arines lodges. I had the pleasure of shaking hands with R. W. Bro. Evan E. Fraser, P. G. S. W., R. W. Bro. Garner, and W. Bro. J. Harriman, who assisted me in the dedication of the lodge room; also W. Bro. H. Mackenzie, of King Edward Lodge, No. 471, Chippawa, and W. Bro. Brown, of Stratford Lodge, No. 332, Stratford, with many other brethren from lodges in the vicinity. W. Bro. Misener and his officers exemplified the Third Degree in a very impressive manner. The Secretary's books are a model of neatness and dues are well paid up. Too much credit cannot be given to V. W. Bro. Sloggett for the manner in which he performs his duties as Secretary. They have a good choir, and their lodge room is one of the finest in the District.

St. George's Lodge, No. 15, St. Catharines.—I visited this lodge the 22nd of February. W. Bro. W. Burch and his officers exemplified the first degree in a very creditable manner. St. George's Lodge is the oldest lodge in the city and I speak in the highest terms of them as Masons well able to do their duties and who perform them well. They are in good financial condition, and have a good attendance.

Seymour Lodge No. 277, Port Dalhousie.—My visit to this lodge was made on February 23rd. W. Bro. R. Johnston was in the chair. There being no work the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees very satisfactorily. Financially they are in very good condition. I was accompanied on this visit by many distinguished brethren from St. Catharines lodges. R. W. Bro. Donald Robertson, W. Bros. George Burch, W. Bro. Killmer and many other brethren from near-by lodges were present.

King Edward VII. Lodge, No. 471, Chippawa.—I visited this lodge on March 2nd. Owing to a number of their brethren working nights in the power plants, we did not have a very large meeting. W. Bro. Pearce and his officers exemplified the First Degree, assisted by W. Bro. McKenzie. They performed the work in a very creditable manner. They have a beautiful little lodge room and are in good financial condition.

Copestone Lodge, No. 373, Welland—I paid my visit to this lodge on March 3rd. On this occasion I

again had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Pettit, W. Bro. Col. Cohoe, of Merritt Lodge, Welland, and many visiting brethren from near-by lodges. W. Bro. Rice and his officers exemplified the Third Degree in a very fair manner. They have plenty of material to work on, and before the expiration of his term of office, they ought to be in A-1 condition to exemplify the work.

Niagara Lodge, No. 2, Niagara-on-the-Lake—I made my visit to this lodge on March 9th, on which occasion I had the pleasure of meeting M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, P.G.M.; R. W. Bros. Wm. Forbes, P.G.J.W., and R. G. W. Conolly, P.D.D.G.M., and many other distinguished Masons. We had an exceptionally large meeting, and in fact it was one of the best gatherings we had in the District. W. Bro. Ferguson and his officers exemplified the First Degree in an almost perfect manner. W. Bro. Ferguson's work is very impressive, carrying conviction to your heart of the great principles of Masonry.

MacNab Lodge, No. 169, Port Colborne—I visited this lodge on March 22nd, on which occasion W. Bro. Macdonald and his officers exemplified the First Degree in a very creditable manner. MacNab Lodge has a number of very enthusiastic P. Ms. They are in good financial position, and I look for good results from them in future.

Hiram Lodge, No. 319, Hagersville. I visited this lodge on March 24th, on which occasion I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Dr. Donald and W. Bro. Miller, of King Solomon Lodge, No. 320, Jarvis. W. Bro. Trotter and his officers exemplified the First Degree in a fair manner. A little more practice will set them all right.

Palmer Lodge, No. 372, Bridgeburg—I paid my visit to this lodge on March 29th. We had a very enthusiastic meeting. Unfortunately W. Bro. Wilson, worshipful Master of Palmer Lodge, was quarantined the day before, for which we all felt very sorry, indeed, as he had been preparing matters for the dedication some weeks ahead. W. Bro. Pattinson occupied the chair in his stead. They exemplified the Second Degree in a very creditable manner indeed.

Palmer Lodge can boast of having an A-1 set of officers. We had a large number of visiting brethren from several lodges in Buffalo and there was hardly sufficient accommodation in the lodge room for the great number who came across the border. While Palmer Lodge is in a flourishing condition both in regard to membership and finances, they will agree with me that they are sadly in need of more commodious quarters, because their older members turn out just as enthusiastically as the younger brethren, consequently it keeps them busy to find accommdation for them. R. W. Bro. A. B. Hurrel is a great stay and and support to Palmer Lodge, one who is loved and respected by all who come in contact with him. W. Bro. Kee is a very enthusiastic P. M., and I predict a bright future for Palmer Lodge.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 320, Jarvis—I visited this lodge on April 26th, on which occasion I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. J. A. Hoshal, P. D. D. G. M., St. John's Lodge, No. 35, Cayuga, and R. W. Bro. Waddle, Erie Lodge, Port Dover. W. Bro. Miller was in the East and exemplified the First Degree fairly well. They had a very large meeting. W. Bro. Miller is a very enthusiastic Master. They are in a very flourishing condition and I look for a bright future for King Solomon Lodge.

Amity Lodge, No. 32, Dunnville—I paid my official visit to this lodge on April 27th. We had an exceptionally large meeting. W. Bro. Kerr and his officers exemplified the Third Degree. There were visitors from Woodstock, London, Brantford, Cayuga, Wellandport, Midland and London, Eng. I had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Archibald Cooper, who informed me that he had been a Mason 72 years. I asked him how a man of his age could feel like coming out to spend the evening with a Masonic body, and why he did so. He told me that in his past experience he had found that Masonry was truth. That is a beautiful sentiment and I think should inspire us all when we are exemplifying Masonry, that it is truth. R. W. Bro. Amsden is a very great support to Amity Lodge. They have a number of energetic P. Ms. and are in a flourishing condition under the able management of W. Bro. Kerr.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 103, St. Catharines—I visited this lodge on April 28th. This is my mother lodge, and knowing the workings of Maple Leaf Lodge as thoroughly as I do, I hope you will pardon me when I say that they are well capable of exemplifying the three degrees in a thorough manner. W. Bro. R. L. Dunn is a very painstaking Master. He has also very efficient Wardens. Maple Leaf Lodge is in a very flourishing condition, and R. W. Bro. H. J. Johnston, P.D.D.G.M., the Secretary, is a very capable one, well able to look after the affairs of the lodge, and always willing to do so.

Temple Lodge, No. 296, St. Catharines—I paid my visit to this lodge on April 30th. Work was exemplified in the Second Degree in a most satisfactory manner by W. Bro. A. M. Watts and his officers. R. W. Bro. Donald Robertson, one of the old standbys of the lodge, was present. Their financial condition is good and everything satisfactory.

I may add that while paying official visits, the lodges invariably provided tastefully served banquets, which were very much appreciated.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION

I held a Lodge of Instruction in St. Catharines on January 20th, and I think I am safe in saying it was one of the most largely attended and successful meetings ever held in the District. We had representatives from every lodge in the District, which was very gratifying to me. The occasion was honored by the presence of the M. W. the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Daniel F. Macwatt; M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, P. G. M., and R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, Grand Secretary.

The lodge was opened promptly at 1.30 p.m. by the officers of St. George's Lodge, No. 15, St. Catharines. The W. M. then handed the gavel to W. Bro. B. A. Pattinson, P. M. of Merritt Lodge, No. 168, Welland, who with I.P.M., W. Bro. Henry Ford, S. W., W. Bro. Col. J. E. Cohoe, J. W., Bro. F. A. Lount, S. D., Bro. W. D. Ross, J. D., Bro. Dr. Davis, I. G., Bros. B. E. Booth and H. A. J. Brennan, Stewards, who exemplified the First Degree in an admirable manner. The giving of the lecture by W. Bro. J. E. Cohoe was one of the most

impressive and instructive portions of the degree. They discharged their duties faultlessly and I am sure that all who attended that lodge must have picked up some points of interest for their own edification from the manner in which the brethren exemplified the first degree.

The lodge was opened in the Second Degree at 3 p.m., and the gavel was handed to R. W. Bro. W. J. Drope, who acted as W. M. of Union Lodge, No. 7, Grimsby, assisted by W. Bro. W. Randall, S. W.; Bro. A. E. Phipps, J.W.; Bro. W. W. Kidd, S.D.; Bro. Capt. Parmeter, J.D.; R. S. Lockwood, I. G.; Bro. J. W. Whittaker, D. of C.; Bros. H. A. Hagar and M. B. Smith, Stewards; W. Bro. A. T. Hawke, Chaplain; Bro. G. R. Secor, Tyler.

They exemplified the Second Degree in a manner becoming their rank, as Union Lodge is considered one of the good lodges of the District, and I am sure that all were well repaid for listening to the very able manner in which R. W. Bro. W. J. Drope and his officers exemplified this degree.

The lodge was then called off and at 4.30 p.m. M. W. Bro. Daniel F. Macwatt, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, dedicated the rooms of St. George's Lodge, No. 15, Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 103, and Temple Lodge, No. 296. He was assisted by P. G. M., M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed; D. G. M., R. W. Bro. J. DeW. Randall; G. S. W., V. W. Bro. Levi Yale; G. J. W., W. Bro. J. E. Cohoe; G. Chaplain, W. Bro. Rev. W. de la Rosa; G. Sec., R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn; G. Treasurer, V. W., Bro. A. McLaren; G. Registrar, W. Bro. W. H. Merritt; G. S. of W., W. Bro. B. A. Pattison; G. Organist, Bro. George Tinlin; G. D. of C., R. W. Bro. J. E. Merriman; G. S. D., W. Bro. C. A. Brown; G. J. D., W. Bro. A. T. Riddell; G. Purs., W. Bro. J. S. Campbell; G. Stewards, W. Bros. W. J. Vickers, H. P. Nicholson, John Leeper and R. G. Hoover; G. Tyler, R. W. Bro. C. G. McDermott; P.Ms. with ewers, W. Bros. A. R. Thompson, E. F. Dwyer, and W. W. Burleigh; P. Ms. with columns, W. Bros. J. A. Grobb, A. T. Riddell and Back; P.D.D.G.Ms., R. W. Bros. D. Robertson, R. G. W. Conolly, H. J. Johnston, W. J. Drope,

C. H. Connor, A. B. Hurrell, J. C. Crow and G. H. Pettit; Grand Sword Bearer, W. Bro. F. C. McCordick.

The ceremony was very impressive and will long be remembered in St. Catharines and the Niagara District.

At 8 p.m. sharp Temple Lodge was opened and the Third Degree was exemplified by W. Bro. W. J. Vickers; Bro. G. E. Sherwood, S. W.; Bro. G. E. Burch, J. W.; Bro. Leo. Andrus, S. D.; Bro. F. W. Beard, J. D.; Bro. K. G. Beaton, Secretary; Bros. C. G. Patey and A. L. Jackson, Stewards; V. W. Bro. Levi Yale, Treasurer; W. Bro. A. M. Watts, I. G. W. Bro. Vickers, of Temple Lodge was ably assisted by W. Bros. R. L. Dunn, of Maple Leaf Lodge and W. C. Burch of St. George's Lodge. They exemplified the Third Degree in a manner I think particularly creditable to themselves and edifying to the brethren. I say particularly so because I installed some of those officers a month before the Lodge of Instruction, consequently I consider they did remarkably well before such a large gathering of intelligent Masonic critics. I consider that a Lodge of Instruction contains the greatest influence that can be brought to bear on any district for the advancement of Masonry in the exemplification of the work.

At the conclusion of the work of the evening we sat down to a bountiful banquet, tastefully served, prepared by the City lodges. I feel deeply grateful to them for the assistance they have rendered me in bringing about the success which attended this Lodge of Instruction, for the use of their lodge rooms, and especially for the entertainment provided for the visiting brethren.

The M. W. the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Daniel F. Macwatt, spoke on the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund during the course of the banquet, as also did M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed and R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, and I consider the well-chosen remarks of these brethren had a great deal to do with the Niagara District paying up their assessment in this important fund. Many were present who expressed themselves as not being aware that their own lodges were not paid

up. Many other intelligent speeches were listened to and a few pleasing songs brought to a close a very successful and long-to-be-remembered Lodge of Instruction, in the Niagara District.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND

Permit me to touch briefly on the S.C.B. Fund. On all my official visits this Fund was the most important topic dwelt upon in my remarks, and then it was that the true principles of Freemasonry that exists in Niagara District was truly exempliled. In many cases they paid their full amount then and there at the meeting, and I am pleased to report that the greatest part of the S. C. B. Fund in the Niagara District is fully paid, and that the lodges who are not fully paid to date will be paid before the expiration of this year. I am quite sure.

DEDICATIONS

By the direction of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, I represented him in the dedication of the following lodges:

October 28th—St. John's Lodge, No. 35, Cayuga.

October 29th—Enniskillen Lodge, No. 185, York.

November 23rd—Ivy Lodge, No. 115, Beamsville.

November 25th—Union Lodge, No. 7, Grimsby.

December 20th—Dufferin Lodge, No. 338, Wellandport.

December 21st—Myrtle Lodge, No. 337, Port Robinson.

January 10, 1910—Copestone Lodge, No. 373, Welland.

January 10, 1910—Merritt Lodge, No. 168, Welland.

January 19th, 1910—Mountain Lodge, No. 221, Thorold.

January 25th—St. Mark's Lodge, No. 100, Niagara Falls South.

February 23rd—Seymour Lodge, No. 277, Port Dalhousie.

March 22nd—Macnab Lodge, No. 169, Port Colborne.

March 29th—Palmer Lodge, No. 372, Bridgeburg.

April 26th—King Solomon Lodge, No. 329, Jarvis

April 27th—Amity Lodge, No. 32, Dunnville.

January 20th—St. George's Lodge, No. 15; Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 103; and Temple Lodge, No. 296, St. Catharines, were dedicated by the M. W., the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Daniel F. Macwatt.

March 9th—Niagara Lodge, No. 2, Niagara-on-the-Lake, was dedicated by the Past Grand Master, M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed.

In concluding my report, I wish to thank all the brethren who assisted me in the dedications. To the Masons of the Niagara District generally I have endeavored to emphasize the religious side of Masonry, and hope I have been successful to some small degree. I am happy to report that everything in the Niagara District, No. 10, is in perfect harmony, and the true characteristics of a Mason's heart were exemplified by the noble response the brethren have made in regard to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund.

Fraternally submitted,

JAS. E. MERRIMAN, D.D G.M..
Niagara District, No. 10.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Table shewing the work done in Niagara District, No. 10, from June 24th, 1909, to June 24th, 1910

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2	Niagara	Niag.-on-L.	94	8	2	7	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	10	9	19	20	.....	14	....	June 28, '10	Good	Good	Yes	1600 00
7	Union	Grimsby	110	12	6	10	11	11	2	..	..	4	..	2	13	6	19	30	74 00	10	....	June '09	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
15	St. George	St Catharines	107	6	..	5	6	3	1	1	..	..	..	1	12	4	16	15	.....	50	417 00	June 24, '09	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
32	Amity	Dunnville	129	10	..	9	10	8	1	..	..	..	..	..	10	6	16	25	25 00	..	....	Jan. '10	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
35	St. John's	Cayuga	83	1	2	1	6	6	..	..	2	..	..	..	14	3	17	18	.....	12	48 75	Feb. 27, '10	Excel'nt	Excel'nt	Yes	400 00
103	Maple Leaf	St Catharines	191	3	..	8	7	9	..	..	2	..	..	3	11	5	16	22	110 20	28	275 00	June 24, '10	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
105	St. Mark's	Niagara Falls	141	9	..	10	10	6	1	1	2	..	..	1	12	6	18	41	189 00	39	246 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	700 00
115	Ivy	Beamsville	127	6	1	5	4	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	6	2	8	40	184 25	15	119 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	
168	Merritt	Welland	123	10	..	10	10	12	2	..	2	..	..	..	13	15	28	30	25 00	38	112 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
169	MacNab	Pt. Colborne	83	5	3	4	4	2	2	..	1	..	..	2	13	7	20	25	20 00	9	27 00	Jan. 27, '10	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
185	Enniskillen	York	26	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	14	4	18	9	45 00	4	24 00	Dec. 27. '09	Fair	Good	Yes	200 00
221	Mountain	Thorold	138	4	..	9	8	12	..	2	3	..	..	4	14	9	23	..	.....	12	52 00		Good	Good	Yes	
254	Clifton	Niagara Falls	193	17	3	16	16	15	1	..	1	..	..	2	14	7	21	25	134 35	24	158 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
277	Seymour	Pt. Dalhousie	51	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	1	13	24	25 00	4	13 00	Dec. 10, '09	Good	Fair	Yes	400 00
296	Temple	St Catharines	93	7	..	7	6	6	3	..	1	2	..	..	13	7	20	24	240 00	7	30 00	Jan. 26, '10	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
319	Hiram	Hagersville	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
329	K. Solomon	Jarvis	69	6	2	3	3	1	3	..	1	..	..	..	12	1	13	18	60 00	6	20 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	350 00
337	Myrtle	Pt. Robinson	51	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	9	3	12	10	.....	13	45 00	Dec. 31, '09	Good	Good	Yes	Yes
338	Dufferin	Wellandport	69	4	6	4	3	2	..	..	..	6	..	..	8	2	10	16	.....	42	200 00	Dec. 31, '09	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
372	Palmer	Bridgeburg	95	8	3	8	9	8	..	..	..	1	..	2	11	8	19	34	25 00	1	9 00	Dec. 27. '09	Fair	Good	Yes	400 00
373	Copestone	Welland	94	9	..	6	6	7	4	..	1	..	..	..	12	6	18	17	.....	6	19 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Fair	Yes	100 00
471	King Ed. VII	Chippewa	49	2	..	5	3	2	..	..	2	..	..	1	12	4	16	15	.....	4	22 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	

TORONTO WEST, DISTRICT No. 11

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

It is with pleasure that I present the report of the condition of Masonry in this district.

On account of the lamented death of R. W. Bro. Wilson Wilby, who was elected to the position of D. D. G. M. of this district at the Grand Lodge meeting in London, and who was called to the Grand Lodge above in January of this year, the M. W. the Grand Master requested me to again take up the reins of office.

I voice in but a feeble way the feelings of the brethren when I say that every member of this district regrets exceedingly the loss of so able a brother, one who worked hard and long for the interests of the Craft and is much missed in our midst, especially in his mother lodge.

He appreciated very highly the honor conferred on him, and looked forward to the performance of his official duties with the utmost pleasure, and had he been spared these duties would have been done ably and well.

While we mourn his loss, it is nothing to that which the bereaved wife and children have to bear. We trust that the Guiding Hand which rules all things will protect and comfort them in their loneliness.

I must thank the Most Worshipful the Grand Master for the confidence placed in me, in that, after filling this office during the term 1903-04, I should be his choice as a suitable representative of this, one of the banner districts of Grand Lodge.

I have endeavored to perform my duties in as able a manner as possible in the short time at my disposal. It is no small task to visit all the lodges in so short a time, but I have rather enjoyed the work, though somewhat weary at times.

I was pleased to meet so many of the ruling Masters of the Toronto lodges at so large a number of our meetings, and I must compliment them on their efficiency and interest taken in Masonry in general.

I wish more of the country lodges would wake up to the fact that it is their duty to visit more frequently and learn from each other, which would no doubt benefit them materially.

To W. Bro. M. W. Gemmell, District Secretary, who so kindly consented to continue as such, I must offer my thanks. He was always willing to perform any duties that he could to further the interest of Masonry, and knowing the family of our deceased brother so well, he relieved me of much care in this case, and is now actively engaged in collecting funds for a suitable memorial to be erected at his grave.

I endeavored to thoroughly impress upon the brethren the importance of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, and their responsibility in connection therewith, and am pleased to report that many have paid their quota, and others who previously had not taken much, if any, interest, have paid a substantial amount.

One lodge has been added to our number during the year, University Lodge, Toronto, which was instituted on June 23 by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

Zetland Lodge, No. 326, Toronto: W. Bro. James H. Lumbers, W. M. I visited this lodge at the regular meeting in January and found it, as ever, near the perfection mark. The Master does his work very impressively, and is well supported by an able staff of officers. Then with M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone as Treasurer, and V. W. Bro. John Macabe as Secretary, there is sufficient proof that the business end is perfect. With such active members as M. W. Bro. John Ross Robertson, R. W. Bro. W. David McPherson, and many others that might be mentioned, things could not be otherwise. I felt justified in complimenting them very highly on their good work and management. I also had the privilege of visiting this lodge on Past Masters' night, and with M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone in the chair, assisted by many worthy Past Masters, it was but another proof of the efficient work that is always being done in this progressive lodge.

York Lodge, No. 156, North Toronto: W. Bro. C. Murphy, W. M. At the regular meeting in February I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge and seeing my old friend the W. M., assisted by his able staff of officers,

exemplify the work of the first degree in a manner worthy of a good report, which I am pleased to give, of this progressive lodge. The new building which they have erected, and so substantially and elaborately furnished, is a credit to Masonry. Bright prospects are in store for York Lodge. The Secretary, Bro. H. G. Cooper, is to be complimented on his efficient work, his books being a model of neatness. I have had the privildege of visiting this lodge on several occasions, and have always found that the work was well done and impressively rendered.

King Solomon's, No. 22, Toronto: W. Bro. John Jennings, W. M. This, the oldest lodge in the district, I had the pleasure of visiting on March 10th, and found everything as I expected, working smoothly, doing good work and initiating a fine class of candidates. The W. M. and the other officers, especially the J.W., exemplified the first degree in a very creditable manner. The recent addition of a choir has much improved the interest and working of the degrees. They are to be congratulated on the able manner in which they perform their part. R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, D.G.M., is still the guiding star, and is always willing to lend a helping hand, and together with the able support of the Past Masters, I can safely say King Solomons is in good hands.

Ionic Lodge, No. 229, Brampton: W. Bro. J. S. Beck, W. M. Visiting this thriving lodge on March 15, the enthusiasm and warmth of my welcome started off what proved to be a very profitable and enjoyable evening. This lodge is still keeping up its good record, as was shown by the manner in which the work was so impressively rendered. It is not necessary to say that the books, in the hands of R. W. Bro. McFadden, are perfect, as are also those of the Treasurer. W. Bro. Roberts, V. W. Bro. Morton, and many other Past Masters, are still watching with enthusiasm the work of the officers each year.

Occident Lodge, No. 346, Toronto: W. Bro. J. H. Murray, W. M. On March 16th I paid my official visit and was received with that royal welcome in which these brethren always receive the representative of the Grand Master. I expected to find this lodge in good working order, and am pleased to say I was not disappointed.

The first degree was given as it should be. I was especially pleased with the work of the J. D., and I think I see in a number of the officers of this lodge men who are able and willing to uphold the fundamental principles of Masonry for some time to come. I was pleased to meet again my old friend R. W. Bro. E. J. B. Duncan, and a number of other active Past Masters, who still have the interest of Occident at heart, but I was especially pleased to see a motion carried unanimously whereby the S. C. B. Fund would be met in full. A pleasant time was spent at the banqueting tables, and the wee small hours of the 17th of March were thoroughly enjoyed.

River Park, No. 356, Streetsville: W. Bro. O. R. Church, W. M. On March 22 my official visit was paid to this lodge, which I found in much better working order than it has been for some years. They are quite comfortably situated in their new lodge rooms, which were built over a new store for their special benefit, which is very convenient, and will no doubt add much to the prosperity of this lodge. I have every reason to believe that the brethren realize that the days of adversity are past and prosperity is about to crown their efforts, which no doubt they deserve. The W. M. and officers initiated Dr. Bowie in a very satisfactory manner, considering the chances they have. A pleasant hour was spent at the refreshment table, and the River Park brethren are to be congratulated on their pleasant and suitable suite of rooms. This ought soon to become one of the strong lodges of the district.

Peel Lodge, No. 468, Caledon East: W. Bro. J. G. Fleetham, W. M. Visited March 25. This is one of the lodges in the district that I feel a special interest in, as it was during my term of office in 1904 that I had the pleasure of instituting this lodge. It has now a membership of fifty good men, and several others are seeking admission. The average attendance is very good and the treasury well filled. The hall committee are arranging to purchase a lot on which they hope soon to erect a hall of their own, so for six-year-old children they are doing very well indeed. The manner in which the officers gave the second degree showed that they know their work, and with a little practice will do as well as could be desired.

Harmony Lodge, No. 438, Toronto: W. Bro. J. A. Rowland, W. M. I visited this harmonious lodge on March 28. The work of the evening was the exemplification of the first degree, which was given very impressively by the W. M. and his officers, who have had the pleasure of initiating many of the bright young men of Toronto. Their financial standing is good, in fact everything looks well and prosperous. But I would like to see a more regular attendance of the Past Masters.

Mimico Lodge, No. 369, Lambton Mills: W. Bro. Geo. Aymer, W. M. Visited this thriving lodge on March 29th. I had to request a special meeting, as time would not permit me to wait for a regular. I was pleased to see the brethren pleasantly and conveniently situated in a fine hall of their own, which, owing to their continued expansion, is about to be enlarged. The work of the first degree was all that could be desired, especially the J. W., who did his part exceedingly well. The officers are blessed with a fine lot of Past Masters, who are always willing to assist.

Stanley Lodge, No. 426, Toronto: W. Bro. R. Gourlay, W. M. On April 5 I visited this progressive lodge and was much pleased to find them so well situated in their new Masonic Home, which is a substantial, well proportioned, artistic, and very suitable building. The lodges in this part of the city are certainly to be highly congratulated on their enterprise and good judgment in erecting such a fine, well located hall. With such surroundings one would expect to find fine work and good fellowship, which I am pleased to report is the case, for the officers not only know how, but do it as it should be done, from the W. M. down to the Tyler. The Secretary's books and finances are all in good shape.

Alpha Lodge, No. 384, Toronto: W. Bro. Raymond Walker, Jr., W. M. I have visited this lodge on several occasions, paying my official visit on April 7th, when the W. M., assisted by an enthusiastic staff of officers, exemplified the work of the third degree in a very creditable manner. I was pleased to see R. W. Bro. Tait, W. Bros. Port and Thompson at the Master's right hand, ever willing to assist on all occasions. The W. M. is very progressive, and is no doubt helping materially to raise the standard of Alpha to that height to which it belongs. Such nights as the Military and Buffalo nights will long

be remembered. This lodge, in conjunction with one or two more, is contemplating building a new hall, and has considerable funds on hand for that purpose. The Secretary, Bro. E. J. Voss, is doing good work; in fact, Alpha Lodge is in good hands all around.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 481, Toronto: W. Bro. F. B. Moore, W. M. This young lodge I visited on April 14th. Though it has been in existence only a few years, there is a membership of over eighty, and it is increasing as rapidly as is desirable for good work and the securing of the proper kind of candidates. They initiated two, and as it was almost their first attempt, being new officers, they are worthy of being complimented on the able manner in which they gave the degree. It is safe to say that Corinthian Lodge will steadily progress and reach that high standard of perfection that is necessary to shine among the lodges in this district. The Secretary, W. Bro. C. H. Corton, is the right man in this position, and is no doubt a good help to the W. M., as are also V. W. Bros. J. W. Jones and W. H. Hutchison, also W. Bro. J. Stephens.

Union Lodge, No. 118, Schomberg: W. Bro. F. Leonard, W. M. On April 18 I visited this lodge, accompanied by W. Bro. R. S. Thompson, of Patterson Lodge, and W. Bro. E. F. Walker, of Beaches Lodge. I was pleased to see a good turnout of the members, as I had arranged to visit them earlier, but on account of the railway being blocked with snow, I was prevented, though they had a good turnout of members and visitors on that occasion. However, I had a goodly number greet me on my official visit. This old lodge is doing good work and bright prospects are ahead. Though the work was not as good as I would like to have seen it, the earnestness and good intent made up for some of this. It is evident that the brethren should be in closer touch with the sister lodges, as more visitations would benefit them materially. A number of good men are being initiated. The finances are O. K., they own their very comfortable hall, and have paid their portion of the S. C. B. Fund.

Victoria Lodge, No. 474, Toronto: W. Bro. F. G. I. Whetter, W. M. I visited this, one of the brightest lodges in the district, on April 19th. Here I found a truly Masonic home, occupied by a lodge that is a credit to Masonry, and with their mother lodge, Stanley, they

are certainly to be commended to the fullest extent on their enterprise. The W. M. and his officers initiated a candidate in that masterly manner that is seldom, if ever, excelled. It was one of the joys of my visits to witness this work, and it was with the greatest of pleasure that I highly complimented them, as did a large number of the Past Masters of other lodges who had the priviledge of being present.

Humber Lodge, No. 305, Weston: W. Bro. Alfred B. Moffat, W. M. To this, the former Masonic home of our much lamented R. W. Bro. W. Wilby, I paid a fraternal visit on April 22, they having been officially visited some months before, but I am sorry that a report of this meeting cannot be found. Here I met a fine lot of Masons doing good work, though they miss the masterly, helping hand of their late brother, and regret their loss exceedingly. Nevertheless, the fort is well held by an able staff of officers, assisted by such Past Masters as W. Bros. Eagle, Bull, Gemmel, Burrage, and others, I may safely say that Humber Lodge is in good hands and doing good work, as was shown by the exemplification of the second degree. The finances are good, and they are arranging to build a Masonic home of their own in the near future, and have considerable funds on hand for that purpose.

Ashlar Lodge, No. 247, Toronto: W. Bro. E. W. E. Saunders, W. M. Visited this ever thriving lodge on April 26. This, one of the well nigh perfect lodges, hardly needs any report. Here I found an enthusiastic lot of Masons, such as M. W. Bro. B. Allan, R. W. Bro. Curran Morrison, V. W. Bro. John McKnight, and many others who are ever at the helm, which is one good reason why this lodge still retains its high rank. The W. M. and his able officers raised two candidates to the sublime degree in a manner very creditable indeed. It is a pleasure to see the work of this lodge, though they are at present somewhat cramped for want of larger quarters, but this is only temporary, as they hope soon, in conjunction with other lodges, to erect a palatial Masonic Temple, arrangements for which are fast being completed. This building, according to the enlarged plans, I trust will be a credit to Masonry in Toronto, which city has long felt the need of suitable Masonic headquarters.

True Blue, No. 98, Bolton: W. Bro. F. N. Leavens, W. M. This, one of the oldest lodges in the district, I visited on the evening of April 29th. Not hearing very good reports of the lodge, I was afraid that Masonry here was at a low ebb, not having a meeting when my predecessor visited them. However, I had made arrangements to stay in their town for two or three days and learn what the prospects were. Their Masonic home is a credit to Masonry, and should be a stimulus to the members there. Many of the lodges would be proud to possess such a lodge room. Here I found, to my surprise, twenty bright young Masons, nearly all members of this lodge, and residents of the town and surrounding country, all apparently much interested in the Craft. Two good candidates were initiated in a very creditable manner, also two applications were received. This lodge has been very much handicapped by having non-resident Masters, but this difficulty will now be overcome, as the Wardens are both resident members, and there are a number of bright young members who will make good officers, so there is no reason why True Blue should not be one of the most progressive lodges in the district. I visited among the members during the following day, and found that they were quite interested, and will no doubt make things move from this out, therefore I will be much disappointed if Bolton does not prove to be a stronghold of enthusiastic Masons.

Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65, Toronto: W. Bro. T. S. Young, W. M. Visited this lodge on May 5th. I found an efficient staff of officers and a large number of enthusiastic members. The work of the degrees is all that could be desired. I have visited this lodge on several occasions, and have always found that they do their business and work in a masterly manner. The Secretary and Treasurer have the business end in good order, therefore the finances are O. K. Every officer is enthusiastic.

Vaughan Lodge, No. 54, Maple: W. Bro. C. T. Stephenson, W. M. This old lodge I have visited often. I found the usual number of good Masons working very harmoniously. Though there appears to be a number of good men in this vicinity who ought to be candidates, yet only two have seen fit to present themselves thus far this year. The officers do good work, and they are fortunate in having such an efficient Secretary as W. Bro. J. B.

McLean. This is one of the lodges that the Past Masters take a great interest in, half of the members present on the occasion of my visit being Past Masters. The finances are in good order, and they have paid all their quota to the S. C. B. Fund.

Wilson Lodge, No. 86, Toronto: W. Bro. Joseph Oliver, W. M. I paid my official visit to this thriving lodge on May 17th. Here were a fine lot of enthusiastic Masons doing good work and initiating a goodly number of men, who will be a credit and help to the lodge. The officers initiated two candidates in a manner that was a credit to themselves and the lodge. The finances are all that could be wished for, a painstaking Secretary such as Bro. R. W. Parkinson, whose books are a pleasure to examine, is a treasure to any lodge. The affairs of this lodge are in good hands all around. No doubt prosperity will still continue to crown their efforts.

Blackwood Lodge, No. 311, Woodbridge: W. Bro. E. B. Smith, W. M. Visited this lodge on May 20th, a very dark and wet night, therefore the attendance was not what could be desired. However, eleven of the members of Vaughan Lodge, Maple, braved the storm, which helped to make the room more cheerful looking. W. Bro. Raymond Walker, Jr., and W. Bro. Port, of Alpha Lodge, Toronto, were also present. The officers do not attend as regularly as they should, therefore the work of initiation on this occasion was not what would be expected of a lodge with a large membership and a number of Past Masters at hand. Were it not for W. Bros. Norton and Maynard, things would be rather slow. This is a case where they should visit the other lodges, which would be much to their advantage, as they would then be able to give the work with more ease and exactness.

Robertson Lodge, No. 292, King: W. Bro. George H. Stone, W. M. This, my last official visit, I made on May 23rd. Here were a lot of good Masons, but no work, therefore things were a little slow. They have initiated two this year, and will likely have one or two more. I was pleased to see them raise the balance due on the S. C. B. Fund, thus making one more on the honor roll. Their hall is somewhat antiquated, but they are preparing to build a new one, which will no doubt be up-to-date. There are a number of old Past Masters who are staying well at the guns. They are fortunate in hav-

ing W. Bro. A. Carley, their enthusiastic Secretary, still in active service. His books are a pleasure to see.

Patterson Lodge, No. 265, Thornhill: W. Bro. J. W. M. Cousins, W. M. This, my mother lodge, I have attended at all the regular meetings but one, and at several of the special meetings, called for the purpose of conferring degrees. The officers have initiated nine to date, which is quite a number for a country lodge. I can safely say that this has been one of the most prosperous years in the experience of Patterson Lodge. Our late lamented Bro. Wilby made us an official visit on Nov. 25, on which occasion he complimented the officers on their good work. I am sorry that a report of this meeting cannot be found among his papers. However, I am pleased to report this lodge in a flourishing condition, the treasury well filled, and the S. C. B. Fund all paid.

University Lodge, U.D., Toronto: M. W. Bro. Colonel J. M. Gibson, W. M. This lodge was instituted under very favorable circumstances by the M. W. the Grand Master on June 23rd. Few lodges have the honor of having as their first Master a Past Grand Master, but this lodge has an additional honor, for their Worshipful Master is no less a personage than the Lieutenant-Governor of this banner Province. The lodge starts off with a large membership, mostly all graduates of Toronto University. This bespeaks success. I do not think any lodge ever started out under more favorable circumstances. No doubt bright days are in store for them. The officers chosen are strong and able men, and have shown that they are quite capable of discharging their duties.

In concluding my report, I must thank the brethren for their unlimited kindness. Though I had to sacrifice considerable time, I shall always remember with pleasure the courteous manner in which I was at all times received, and I hope to meet them many times again.

Fraternally submitted,

J. EDWARD FRANCIS, D.D.G.M.,
Toronto West District No. 11.

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22	K. Solomon..	Toronto	298	16	..	22	23	20	3	1	5	5	..	..	11	6	17	94	303 84	2	36 25	Dec. 27, '09	1450 00	Good	Yes	200 00
54	Vaughan ...	Maple	42	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	12	1	13	12	7 00	5	30 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	1,2	1500 00
65	Rehoboam ..	Toronto	408	15	7	19	23	24	2	1	3	..	..	4	10	13	23	96	281 21	16	117 80	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	100 00
86	Wilson . . .	Toronto	342	28	4	24	12	7	4	3	1	..	..	3	10	5	15	63	195 00	72	422 86	Dec. 27, '09	5963 45	Good	Yes	200 00
98	True Blue ..	Bolton	61	8	..	7	4	4	1	..	..	..	..	1	11	1	12	11	70 00	27	97 50	July, '09	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00
118	Union	Schomberg	49	3	3	3	2	3	..	..	..	3	..	..	12	2	14	..	.....	..	....	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	Yes
156	York	N. Toronto	195	24	6	24	15	9	1	..	3	1	..	2	10	9	19	72	75 00	5	60 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	covered
229	Ionic	Brampton	107	13	6	11	8	7	2	..	3	1	..	2	10	5	15	28	30 00	..	23 50	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
247	Ashlar	Toronto	359	23	..	25	22	26	7	..	6	1	..	2	9	9	18	65	164 00	10	76 50	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	3000 00
265	Patterson ...	Thornhill	59	8	1	9	8	5	..	..	1	..	..	..	14	6	20	18	.....	4	30 00	Dec. 24, '09	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
292	Robertson ...	King	45	2	3	2	2	2	..	..	2	1	..	..	13	1	14	14	5 00	12	46 00	Dec. 24, '09	500 00	Good	Yes	200 00
305	Humber	Weston	74	9	1	6	4	6	..	..	..	..	..	1	10	3	13	20	8 00	..	....	Dec. 24, '09	Good	Good	Yes	covered
311	Blackwood ..	Woodbridge	68	6	3	6	5	5	..	..	3	1	..	1	11	..	11	14	.....	8	140 00	Dec. 24, '09	Good	Good	No	600 00
326	Zetland	Toronto	535	21	..	31	28	26	..	4	3	5	..	8	10	7	17	135	691 42	10	49 00	Dec. 30, '09	Good	Excel'nt	Yes	trust
346	Occident	Toronto	290	21	..	21	19	22	5	..	2	3	..	2	10	11	21	60	90 00	27	210 50	Dec. 30, '09	Good	Excel'nt	Yes	Yes
356	River Park .	Streetsville	58	4	2	4	5	4	..	1	2	..	..	..	12	2	14	13	.....	19	60 00	Dec. 30, '09	Good	Excel'nt	Yes	
369	Mimico . ..	Lamb. Mills	109	12	..	10	11	6	1	2	1	..	..	..	13	6	19	40	.....	..	....	Dec. 27, '09	800 00	Good	Yes	
384	Alpha	Toronto	390	34	..	37	33	27	10	..	4	5	..	4	11	17	28	90	335 00	45	321 60	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Excel'nt	Yes	300 00
426	Stanley	Toronto	291	14	..	20	15	18	..	..	3	4	..	1	10	10	20	55	.....	33	493 60	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	1000 00
438	Harmony .. .	Toronto	367	4	..	26	22	28	3	..	12	9	..	..	10	14	24	67	243 56	26	147 00	Dec. 31, '09	Good	Excel'nt	Yes	covered
468	Peele	Caledon E.....	54	4	..	4	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	13	5	18	9	.....	5	22 00	Dec. 31, '09	Good	Excel'nt	Yes	300 00
474	Victoria	Toronto	143	18	..	15	18	21	3	..	1	3	..	1	7	15	22	100	.....	4	50 05	Dec. 30, '09	Good	Good	Yes	Yes
481	Corinthian ..	Toronto	85	7	..	7	8	6	..	..	1	..	..	..	10	4	14	28	.....	7	120 00	Dec. 30, '09	Good	Good	Yes	250 00
UD	University .	Toronto	75																				O. K.	Excel'nt	Yes	

DISTRICT No. 11A, TORONTO EAST

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor of presenting herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in Toronto East District No. 11a for the year 1909-10.

Before entering upon the details of my report, I wish to thank the brethren of the district for the honor conferred upon me last July in London in electing me to the highest office in their gift, for the uniform kindness and courtesy shown to me when making my official visits, for the hospitable manner in which I was received by every lodge in the district, and for defraying my expenses for these visits.

My first official duty was to appoint a Committee to procure and present a suitable regalia for the retiring D. D. G. M., R. W. Bro. J. S. Lovell. I appointed R. Wor. Bro. W. C. Wilkinson, of St. Andrew's; Wor. Bro. Shaver, of Georgia, and Wor. Bro. Allan, of Acacia, to perform this duty, which they did to the entire satisfaction of every one in the district.

I appointed Wor. Bro. J. C. McFarland, P.M., of Sharon Lodge, to act as District Secretary.

Masonry has been progressive for many years in this district, owing largely to the character and ability of my predecessors in office, hence it will be difficult for me to point out any marked advances made during the past year.

Although the duties I have endeavored to perform have been somewhat arduous, yet the labor has been one of love, and if my feeble efforts have been in any way beneficial to others I shall feel amply repaid. I am well aware of my many shortcomings and deficiencies, but I would ask the indulgence of my brethren. I can assure them my aim has been to do what I believed to be right. On all occasions I have urged upon the brethren the importance of living the lives of good citizens and practicing outside the lodges those beautiful lessons of morality taught within the lodge.

To abstain from the use of profanity. This is a Masonic offence, and no brother should so far forget himself as to use language not becoming a Mason. He owes it to himself and to Masonry to be clean in language, in conduct and in his dealings with his fellow men. The practice of this and other vices is what brings bad repute upon the fraternity from the better class of citizens.

It is with regret I have to report that no Lodge of Instruction was held in this district this year. One had been arranged for between Districts No. 11 and 11a, but owing to the untimely death of R. Wor. Bro. W. Wilby, D. D. G. M. of District No. 11, this was not carried out. The fraternal visits made by the W. Ms. and officers of the city lodges and those near the city lead to uniformity in the work. On every occasion of my official visits I was greeted by some of the ruling Masters of neighboring lodges. This is an evidence of the harmony existing among the lodges of the district.

Perfect harmony exists in most of the individual lodges. In one or two slight differences have arisen, but I hope and trust that the love for Masonry will overcome all petty differences. I have endeavored whenever called upon to settle these differences in a quiet way. The use of the ballot to satisfy some private spite, or to wreak vengeance for some personal grievance is becoming too common. The ballot is sacred and no personal feeling should influence a brother in balloting.

The Wardens' lectures and the charges were given on all occasions when it was my privilege to be present. Candidates are expected to have a knowledge of the previous degree before advancement, and in most lodges a repetition of the obligation is required, but I fear a thorough examination on the work of the final degree is not required. I urged that a knowledge of this work was quite as important as that of the former degrees, to be just to the candidate and to the lodge.

I visited each lodge in the district once, some twice, and others more frequently, and found the work very uniform, and the W. Ms. and officers thoroughly competent in the exemplification of the degrees, each lodge endeavoring to do the work more correctly than the others. Enthusiasm for Masonry seems to be on the increase.

I found the books of the Secretaries and Treasurers correctly and neatly kept. I wish here to thank the Secretaries for their promptness in replying to communications and in sending me notices of all meetings. The funds of all lodges except one are deposited in some chartered bank or trust corporation, and all accounts are payable only on the joint endorsation of the W. M. and Secretary.

The dues in a few of the lodges I feel are not high enough, as the revenue from them is not sufficient to meet the current expenses, so that the necessity of a revenue from initiation fees leads to the admission of unworthy men.

The membership of the lodges is rapidly on the increase, most lodges finding it necessary to call many emergent meetings.

It was with profound sorrow and regret that the brethren learned of the sudden death of our beloved monarch and brother in Masonry, His Majesty King Edward VII., P. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of England and Protector of the Craft.

The Grand Lodge of Canada, and Stevenson Lodge, of this District, mourn the loss of one of its oldest and most beloved members in the person of Col. A. A. Stevenson, P. G. M. of G. L. of Canada.

District No. 11a joins with No. 11 in their bereavement for R. Wor. Bro. Wilson Wilby, D. D. G. M. of District No. 11, who passed away suddenly while in discharge of his duties.

The following deaths in lodges of this district have been reported to me:—Stanley G. Readman, Zeta, No. 410; Thomas Todd, Richardson, No. 136; John T. Chapman, Wm. H. Thompson, John Graham, St. George's, No. 367; John W. Cockburn, Acacia, No. 430; Lewis Charles Connor, Georgina, No. 343; W. J. Davidson, James Perks, W. H. Leach, G. H. Fitzroy, M. Wor. Bro. Col. Stevenson, Stevenson, No. 218; Sidney Adbaul, James Lockart, Robt. May, Doric, No. 316; A. E. Child, Geo. Walker, Wm. Parke, J. B. Fudger, H. J. Lipscombe, Hy. Haggar, St. Andrew's, No. 16; Robert H. Coombe, G. D. Cleland, W. A. Verner, Alex. F. Armstrong, Orient, No. 339; A. P. Smith, Markham Union, No. 87; Bro. March, W. H. Bleasdel, Ionic, No. 25; Ira M. Kallmyer, E. Bourne, U. Ugden, George

Fletcher, John Henderson, Carl Strack, Frank Phillips, Charles Sims, St. John's, No. 75.

S. C. B. Fund.—This question has received increased attention during the past year, and the contributions have increased materially. This is largely due to the fact that the M. W. the G. M. appointed a committee, consisting of R. Wor. Bro. W. D. McPherson; the D. D. G. Ms. of Toronto East and West Districts; R. Wor Bros. E. J. B. Duncan, A. J. Anderson, E. M. Carlton, V. Wor. Bro. John Pearson and Wor. Bro. K. J. Dunstan, and it is largely due to the efforts of these brethren, and to the zeal and enthusiasm of the G. M., who is making a supreme effort to complete the payment of this sum during his term of office, that so much has been accomplished during the past year. When visiting the different lodges in the district I have tried to impress upon the brethren the needs of Grand Lodge, as well as their duty in this laudable movement, and in some instances where very little had been paid there was a hearty response, and in almost every lodge something has been done. Only in one instance did I meet indifference in regard to this question. In the individual reports of the respective lodges I have given the amounts contributed by them this year. The following have paid their assessment in full: Ionic St. Andrew's, Richmond, Rising Sun, Doric, St. George's and Brock, Acacia and Georgina have assumed the payment as a lodge debt and agreed to pay it off in three equal annual payments. In several instances the amount was not forwarded to the Grand Secretary before the 31st of May.

I have attended the meetings of the Past Masters' Association, and have been very materially benefitted and instructed. The Association is worthy of the support of every P. M. in the two districts, and I would recommend that all should become members.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, Toronto: This lodge is the mother lodge of the city lodges, and still retains its reputation for excellent work. My first visit to this lodge was made on Grand Master's night, when the M. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, G. M., accompanied by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, D. G. M., and other Grand Lodge officers, made an official visit to this lodge. The lodge room had been tastefully and beautifully decorated. The following P. G. Ms. were present: J. Ross Robertson and E. T.

Malone. R. W. Bro. Wilson Wilby, D. D. G. M. of Toronto West District, and the following P.D.D.G.Ms. were present: W. R. Cavell, J. S. Lovell, W. D. McPherson, J. A. Macfadden, R. R. Hopkins, E. J. B. Duncan, Joseph Beck, J. W. Watson, Donald Ross, J. B. Nixon, Col. W. N. Ponton, and Wm. Rea and H. A. Taylor. C. W. Postlethwaite, P. G. S. W., and many other members of Grand Lodge. Among the distinguished visiting brethren were R. W. Bro. Col. L. A. Hope, Senior Grand Warden of Grand Lodge of Scotland, Prov. G. M. of Midlothian; John A. Forrest, P. G. M.'s Deputy of Midlothian; W. A. A. Balfour, P. G. Secretary of Midlothian; W. Bros. C. C. Nesbit, Allan, Henderson, P. Ms. of lodges in Edinburgh. After the Grand Master had been received with the honors due to his office, the W. M., Wor. Bro. Macoomb, presented the Grand Master with a memento of his visit in the form of a beautiful electric light statue, which the G. M. acknowledged in a few appropriate words. W. Bro. Macoomb and his officers conferred the third degree in a most impressive manner, and they were complimented by the G. M. for their excellent work. The proceedings of the evening were concluded by a banquet, where the usual toasts were honored and responded to by the M. W. the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt; the D. G. M., R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, and others. I again visited this lodge on Oct. 12. On this occasion there were a large number of brethren from the lodges of the district, the Sharon, Newmarket, Aurora and Richmond Hill brethren coming on a special car. The occasion of the meeting was the presentation of a set of G. L. regalia, on behalf of the district, to R. W. Bro. J. S. Lovell, P. D. D. G. M., and a set of G. L. regalia to V. W. Bro. John Pearson, on behalf of the members of St. Andrew's Lodge. The first degree was conferred by the W. M. and officers in an impressive manner, with full musical ritual. I made my official visit to this lodge on April 12, when I was greeted by the largest number of brethren that it was my pleasure to meet at any of my official visits. I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. F. E. Francis, D. D. G. M. of District No. 11. W. Bro. Giles and his officers exemplified the first degree in a pleasing manner. The work of the officers on this, as on previous occasions, was given in a very deliberate manner, which proves this to

be a characteristic of the Lodge, rather than of the individual officers. The books of the lodge are well kept. It is no doubt the fact of having so many distinguished members that makes this lodge one of the banner lodges of the district and of Grand Lodge. I received the valedictory address of W. Bro. Macoomb, and I wish it could be placed in the hands of every Mason in Canada, as it is worthy of their perusal and contemplation.

Ionic Lodge, No. 25, Toronto: This lodge held its annual installation on Dec. 7, at which I had the pleasure of being present, the installing officer being R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, D. G. M., assisted by R. W. Bros. F. W. Harcourt, J. Haywood and the P.Ms. of the lodge. After installation and investiture of W. Bro. J. H. Shaw and his officers, the I. P. M., W. Bro. S. W. Smith, was presented with a handsomely designed P. M.'s jewel. A pleasant time was spent at the banquet which followed. I made my visit of inspection to this lodge on March 1, when the W. M., Bro. J. H. Shaw, assisted by the P. Ms. exemplified the first degree for my inspection. The work on this occasion was, as my predecessors in office have reported, of a high order of excellence. The Charity lecture by W. Bro. G. H. Lee, was given in a very impressive manner. The presence and advice of such able P. G. L. officers as R. W. Bros F. W. Harcourt, E. B. Brown, C. W. Postelthwaite, and others, must act as a stimulus to the officers to excel in their work. The geniality of the W. M. is sure to win the co-operation and best efforts of all officers and members under his control. I found the books of W. Bro. F. C. Hood well kept and the register in good order. The dues of this lodge are paid up in full, owing to the interest which R. W. Bro. C. W. Pastlethwaite, the Treasurer, takes in this branch of the work. A very commendable procedure of this lodge, and one or two others, is the passing of the mite box at the refreshment table every evening. In this way, by small contributions given, a considerable sum is raised for charity. This lodge practices an innovation by having 6 o'clock dinners before lodge, instead of banquets after. R. W. Bro F. W. Harcourt presided at the after dinner speeches in a manner tended to drive away the worries of business from the minds of the brethren. This lodge long ago paid a sum largely in excess of its assessment for the S. C. B. Fund. This lodge has a number of able

and distinguished P. Ms. who consider it their duty to look after the affairs of the lodge and assist the officers. This lodge, though unassuming, is in a very prosperous condition.

Richmond Lodge, No. 23, Richmond Hill: I had the honor of having R. W. Bro. F. E. Francis, D.D.G.M. of Toronto West District No. 11, with me when I made my official visit to this lodge on Feb. 21. Although the roads were in a badly drifted condition, yet there were a goodly number of the members and visiting brethren present from neighboring lodges. The first degree was conferred on the son of an old and esteemed brother of the lodge in a most excellent manner, almost word and letter perfect, by the W. M., H. Legge, assisted by W. Bro. T. Lamon, who acted as S. W. in the absence of the regular officer. The J. W. and all the junior officers did their work well. The W. M. and officers also conferred the second degree and were highly complimented by R. W. Bro. F. E. Francis. Much of the praise due this lodge is due to R. W. Bro. Nicholls and the P. Ms. of the lodge, who are untiring in their efforts to secure a high standard of work in the lodge. This lodge is in a very prosperous condition, financially and otherwise, as the building in which they meet is owned by the lodge and is a source of revenue, so that the dues are very low. The S. C. B. Fund is paid in full and the amount of dues owing is small, owing to the capable Secretary, R. W. Bro. Nicholls. Peace and harmony prevail, and the brethren are very hospitable to visiting brethren.

St. John's Lodge, No. 75, Toronto: I visited this lodge, one of the landmarks of Masonry in this district, Nov. 1. I had the pleasure of the company and assistance of R. W. Bro. T. H. Brunton, V. W. Bro. H. T. Smith, and many others. W. Bro. A. Fairgrieve and his officers exemplified the work of the first degree in a very pleasing manner. The work of the J. W. was particularly well rendered. I found the lodge in a good position financially, but the harmony has been disturbed by a slight difference among the brethren, which I hope will soon disappear. The books of the Secretary and Treasurer are in good order and well kept. I again visited this lodge on the night of installation, when R. W. Bro. F. G. Inwood, assisted by P.Ms. of the lodge and visiting P.Ms., installed and invested the W. M. and officers.

After the installation W. Bro. A. Fairgrieve was presented with a handsome P. M.'s jewel. A motion was passed to present an engrossed address to Bro. John Thompson and Bro. Albert Slute for their services as a Sick Committee for the past 15 or 16 years. It is a custom in this lodge at their annual meeting to vote $100 to this Committee, to use as they deem fit in alleviating the sorrow and pain of those afflicted with sickness. A worthy procedure for imitation by other lodges. Another motion was also passed unanimously to present a testimonial to Bro. Jos. King for his long continued services as Chaplain, a period of 22 years. Owing to the absence of the treasurer I was unable to ascertain the number of members 12 months in arrears, or the amount owing for dues. A successful banquet followed the proceedings on both occasions. The Secretary informs me that $70 has been raised on the S. C. B. Fund, but has not been forwarded to the G. S., which will be done before Grand Lodge meets, and assured me that the balance would be raised in full during the coming year.

Markham Union, No. 87, Markham: I made my official visit to this lodge on Oct. 22, it being my first. It was indeed a pleasure to visit this lodge in the town where I received my college education. I was accompanied by Bro. Farmery there, S. W. of The Beaches, now W. M., and an old schoolmate of mine. I was greeted by about forty brethren, and on examination of the register I found they had a good average attendance. Every officer is a regular attendant. The W. M., Bro. Canning, and his officers, conferred the second degree in a creditable manner. The work of the W. M. was of a mild, impressive nature. The other officers did their work fairly well. A little more attention to the details would improve the work. The Secretary is a very young Mason, but will make a good officer with experience. I suggested the purchase of a new register, as the old one is badly worn. I gave the Secretary other suggestions, which I feel he will adopt, as he is anxious to make a good officer. It was indeed a pleasure to meet here in this lodge men of the town who as a boy I used to look upon as model citizens, and to meet a number of my old schoolmates as members of the Craft. This lodge is securing good material from among the best young men of the town and surrounding country, who will make cap-

able officers in the future, so that the prospects are bright. A strict examination of candidates before promotion is insisted upon. After lodge the brethren repaired to a splendid banquet, where the usual toasts were honored. Peace and harmony prevail and the affairs of the lodge are well looked after by faithful P.Ms., among whom are W. Bros. F. Reesor, A. Reesor, Malcolm J. B. Gould, Mason and Rieve. I endeavored, to the best of my ability to explain the needs of Grand Lodge in connection with the S. C. B. Fund and to get the brethren to realize their obligation in this matter. Some present said they had not paid, but would do so, and promised to do all they could to complete the payment in full of all owing by the lodge. I have since learned that $32 has been raised this year. The lodge room has not been dedicated.

Sharon, No. 97, Queensville: This lodge being in my home town, and with which I affiliated 16 years ago, I had many occasions to visit it. Their regular meeting in May coming on the 24th, an emergent meeting was called for May 17, when the W. M., W. Bro. F Milne, and the officers, conferred the third degree. The work of the W. M. was remarkably well delivered, considering he is such a young member. The S. W. presented accurate work. The J. W., owing to the great distance he lives from the lodge, and the inability of the officers to get together for practice, was fair. The scattered condition of the membership renders it almost impossible for the officers to attain that state of perfection reached by the town and city lodges. This is purely a country lodge. The membership is 70. This lodge suffers from the loss of many of its brightest members, who remove to other parts. Of 13 initiated one year only a small remnant remains within reasonable distance, so that it is sometimes difficult to get efficient officers, and frequently a P. M. is re-elected to the W. M.'s chair. This is a lodge of P.Ms., and most of them are regular attendants. The arrears of dues is large, but this is receiving attention, and in the near future this will be lessened. The Secretary, W. Bro. J. M. Milne, is an energetic worker, and with practice will make an efficient officer. The S. C. B. Fund has received some attention, some $10 or $12 having been paid this year, but the full amount has not yet been raised. It is not from a lack of

interest, as all the brethren within a reasonable distance have paid their amount in full. The scattered condition of the membership, which extends from sea to sea, renders it difficult to present this matter before the brethren in its proper light.

Tuscan, No. 99, Newmarket: I made two visits to this lodge, the first in March, when the first degree was exemplified by the W. M., Bro. Fortune, and his officers, assisted by the P. Ms. of the lodge. The work on this occasion was not up to the standard of work in Tuscan. I tried to impress upon the officers the necessity of closer attention to the work, and was delighted to see the difference when I made my second visit. The J. W. is a splendid officer and delivered the lecture very accurately and with impressiveness. I spoke to the brethren on the question of the S. C. B. Fund and urged upon them to take up the matter, which they promised to do. About 50 brethren were present when I made my second and official visit to this lodge on April 13, including visiting brethren from Sharon and Rising Sun Lodges. The W. M., W. Bro. Fortune, exemplified the third degree in good form. There was a very marked improvement, and the work was a credit to Tuscan Lodge, which has been noted in the past for accurate work. I suggested to the W. M. that he give attention to the correct wording. The work of the J. W. was, as on the former occasion, excellent. The floor work of the junior officers was above the ordinary work seen in country and town lodges. W. Bros. Morgan and Moore assisted in the work of the W. M. The candidate was well skilled in the previous degree. The books of the lodge are in the capable hands of Bro. Fierheller. I missed the faces of many of the old members who took a very active part in the work of the lodge some years ago. The hospitality of the Tuscan brethren is well known, a Masonic welcome is extended to all visitors. The W. M. informs me that $100 has been raised and that the balance will be raised soon.

Rising Sun, No. 129, Aurora: I made two visits to this lodge, one on Nov. 5, and again Feb. 8. On the first occasion the third degree was conferred upon two candidates who contemplated going to the west, by W.Bro. E. Braun, P. M., assisted by W. Bros. H. Legge and Newberry, of Richmond Lodge. As might be expected from experienced P. Ms. the work was well done, and on this

occasion the junior officers acquitted themselves well. After the work was completed I urged the candidates to become as proficient as possible before leaving. My official visit was made Feb. 8. On this occasion there were present the W. M., Dr. Fortune, accompanied by a number of brethren from Tuscan, Newmarket, and visiting brethren from Richmond Lodge. W. Bro. Filkins and his officers exemplified the first degree, which was well done, W. Bros. Taylor, Braun and Birchard assisting in the work of the W. M. A characteristic of the work was the accuracy of all movements about the room and their attention to details. The work of the junior officers was well done. Several of the P. Ms. take a very active interest in the affairs of the lodge, and all work together harmoniously for the good of Masonry in general and Rising Sun in particular. This lodge has the finest lodge room of any outside the city. It is almost free of debt, and would have been free had it not been for repairs. The books are in the able hands of W. Bro. Birchard. The brethren are very charitable and have paid their portion of the S. C. B. Fund in full. I was indeed pleased to see present Bro. Richardson, a Mason for 55 years, Bro. Webb for 50 years, and Bro. Rutledge for 40 years. The presence of these aged brethren cannot help but be an inspiration to the younger brethren, and must put to shame those who allow some trivial excuse to keep them away from lodge. Rising Sun is an example of what enterprising and enthusiastic Masons may accomplish. It is one of the most progressive lodges in the district.

Richardson, No. 136, Stouffville: The attendance on the night of my visit to this lodge, Feb. 17, was small, owing to the stormy condition of the weather. This was also the cause of the absence of the three candidates who were to be passed. As there was no candidate, I requested the W. M., W. A. Sangster, to open and close in the several degrees. This was done in a fairly creditable manner. The officers are in need of more frequent meetings to perfect themselves in the work. The meeting resolved itself into a round table talk, and I endeavored to enlighten the brethren on any questions where they were in doubt. I also spoke at some length on the S. C. B. Fund, which had good results, as a considerable sum was collected that night, and they assured me that they

would endeavor to raise the full amount. The Secretary has just informed me that he unfortunately neglected to make returns before May 31, but that the amount collected would be sent to the Grand Secretary with the returns. The brethren are hospitable and extend the glad hand to visitors, but I missed the presence of a number of P. Ms. and members whose presence would be a strength to the lodge. I feel that something should be done to secure the attendance of these brethren. The books of the lodge are neatly and accurately kept by W. Bro. Shankel. The proceedings of the evening were concluded by an oyster supper in the banquet room of the lodge. As this is my mother lodge I enjoyed this visit very much. I have every confidence that the work can be conferred in accordance with the requirements of Grand Lodge, as the W. M. is serving his second year in that office. Can find no date when the lodge was dedicated.

Stevenson, No. 218, Toronto: The first time I visited this lodge was the occasion of the installation of officers, at which I assisted. R. W. Bro. J. Watson, P.D.D.G. M., assisted by the P. Ms. performed the duties of installation and investiture. After this ceremony had been performed W. Bro. Woodstock was presented with a beautiful cut glass fruit set in recognition of his devoted services during the past, this being his second term as W. M. of the lodge. After proceedings in the lodge room, a very pleasant time was spent at the banquet which followed. On March 14 I made my official visit to this lodge. W. Bro. F. Hague, the W. M., and his officers conferred the first degree. The work was performed quite in accordance with the requirements of Grand Lodge, and in a manner so as to impress the candidate with the beautiful lessons to be taught by the ceremony. In the absence of the J. W., Bro. Sprinks delivered the lecture in a manner creditable to any J. W. in the district. The work of the junior officers was well performed. W. Bro. Horswell has proved himself a prompt and attentive Secretary, and I found his books in good order. W. Bro. Woodstock gave the charge in splendid form. This lodge expects to pay $300 on the S. C. B. Fund before the meeting of Grand Lodge, but unfortunately this has not been forwarded to the Grand Secretary before May 31. Much of the success in collect-

ing this amount is due to the efforts of W. Bro. Woodstock. The brethren extend the glad hand to visitors, and this lodge is well on the road to prosperity.

Zeredatha, No. 220, Uxbridge: I found about 40 members present when I visited this lodge at the regular meeting on March 21. The W. M., W. Bro. J. Chinn and his officers, exemplified the work of the first degree in a satisfactory manner. The officers are enthusiastic and accurate workers. The lecture of the J. W., Bro. Kidd, was rendered almost word perfect. Bro. Kidd has removed from the immediate neighborhood of Uxbridge, and has to drive 14 or 15 miles to get to lodge. In my remarks I spoke on the subject of the S. C. B. Fund, knowing that my predecessors had reported there was opposition to this question in Zeredatha by some of the P. Ms. I learned that this opposition was caused by treatment which they had received from Grand Lodge many years ago. I assured them that there was some misunderstanding, and communicated with the G. M., and I believe that Zeredatha will not be behind others in the near future. The brethren are very charitable, but did not approve of the manner of disbursing charity by Grand Lodge. The books of the Secretary are only fairly well kept. The members are very enthusiastic and extend a true Masonic welcome to all visitors. The arrears of dues is small. The lodge room is comfortable. On this occasion they prepared their own banquet in the lodge room for the first time, for which they made apologies, but I assured them that a crust with the true Masonic spirit was better than the most sumptuous banquet without it. There is a good attendance of P. Ms. and the prospects for the future are bright. The officers are deeply indebted to its P. Ms., who instruct them to secure proficiency in the work. The effect of this training is evident in the careful attention to details. Since my visit I have been informed that they are crowded with work. The lodge has not been dedicated.

Brougham Union, No. 269, Claremont: About 30 members were present when I visited this lodge on April 21. This lodge is situated in one of the finest agricultural districts of Ontario, and its members are mostly farmers. The W. M., W. Bro. J. Forgie, and his officers, exemplified the third degree, and considering it was the first time the W. M. had conferred the degree, his work

was remarkably well done. The Wardens and junior officers are in need of more practice, but did their work fairly well. More attention to details and movements about the room would make a material improvement in the work. Questions were asked in regard to balloting. I informed them that a committee had been named to deal with this matter and present a report to Grand Lodge at its next annual communication. After the proceedings in the lodge the brethren repaired to a splendid banquet, where a pleasant hour was spent in toasts and replies. The brethren have been quite enterprising and have erected for themselves a very comfortable lodge room. The enthusiasm is strong, and a cordial welcome is extended to visitors. The prospects for the future of this lodge are bright. I found the books kept in good order by Bro. W. R. Wood. No contribution has been made towards the S. C. B. Fund, but this is owing partly to the energies of the brethren being directed towards paying for their new lodge room. I feel that the brethren will take up this question in the near future. W. Bros. R. Brodie, R. Phillips, C. Brodie, and other P. Ms., are enthusiastic Masons. The Secretary informs me that the new lodge rooms have not been dedicated.

Doric, No. 316, Toronto: This lodge held a reunion meeting of Doric Lodges of Pickering, Hamilton, Brantford and Toronto, on Oct. 21, at which a large number were present from the respective lodges. Among those present were T. H. Brunton, W. R. Cavell, Dr. Embree: P.D.D.G.Ms.; V. W. Bros. H. T. Smith and J. Pearson, G. D. of C., and many P. Ms. and W. Ms. from other city lodges. The third degree was exemplified by the officers in a manner to bring forth the highest praise from the visiting brethren. After the proceedings in the lodge room the brethren repaired to the large assembly hall of the Temple, where a most enjoyable time was spent. The toasts to the guests was ably proposed by W. Bro. Bilger, and responded to by the W. Ms. of the visiting lodges. On March 17 this lodge held its annual "Irish" night, when M. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, G.M., and R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, D.G.M., honored the lodge by their presence. Dr. D. J. Goggin, P. G. M. of Manitoba; R. W. Bros. W. R. Cavell, Wm. Rea, J. de W. Randall, W. H. Shaw, J. S. Lovell, P.D.D.G.Ms. V. W. Bros. A. E. Hagerman and H. T. Smith were

among the prominent guests. W. Bros. Bilger, Pearson, Browne, Montgomery, Brennan and 18 ruling W. Ms. of Toronto lodges were present. The first degree, with full musical ritual, was conferred by W. Bro. F. J. Mann, the W.M., and his officers, so as to win the approval of the G.M. At the festive board, which was profusely decorated in appropriate colors and lights, the M. W. the G. M. and the D. G. M. responded to the toast to Grand Lodge. The toast of "Canada" was eloquently responded to by Bro. J. L. Carstairs. The toast of "Ireland" was ably responded to by Rev. D. C. Hossack, and a splendid musical program was rendered. I made my visit of inspection on April 21, when over 120 members were present. Visitors from all parts of the British Dominions. The W. Ms. of Ionic, York, Rehoboam and The Beaches were present. The W. M., W. Bro. Mann, and his officers exemplified the second degree in a manner quite in accordance with the usual good work seen in Doric Lodge. A characteristic of this Lodge is accuracy in details. I found the books of the Secretary in good order and well kept. I realized in all my visits that the latch string of Doric is always on the outside. The S. C. B. Fund heretofore had not received much response, but I am pleased to report that they have paid their assessment in full ($701.00) this year. Peace and harmony prevail and success and prosperity is the lot of this lodge.

Orient, No. 339, Toronto: This and one other lodge are the only lodges in Toronto that I visited but once, and this was on April 5. There was present on that occasion R. W. Bro. F. G. Inwood, W. Bro. Larter, P. M. of St. George's, and S.W. of Riverdale; W. Bro. Walker, of The Beaches, W. Bro. Milne of Fergus, 10 P. Ms. of the lodge, and about 100 brethren and visitors. The W. M., W. Bro. Thorne, and his officers, exemplified the first degree, and from the reception of the candidate by the I. G., to the rendering of the charge, the work was as well done as it has been my privilege to witness during my term of office. The J. W. delivered the lecture with considerable oratorical effect. The S. D. acted as S. W. with credit to himself and to the lodge. The work of the junior officers was exceptionally well done. The highest tribute that could be offered to the work was the absolute silence of the brethren. The ceremony was

materially assisted by the musical accompaniment. W. Bro. Farquhar delivered the charge in a very able manner. After the ceremony of initiation R. W. Bro. F. G. Inwood presented the newly initiated candidate to the brethren in a few most appropriate words. I found the books of the lodge in good order, and the Secretary always attaches a copy of the circular to the minutes of each meeting, a splendid idea and worthy of imitation. The membership is large and the attendance good, and peace and harmony prevail. The P. Ms. in this, as in all other prosperous lodges, take an active interest in the work. After the lodge was closed a very pleasant time was spent at the refreshment table. The musical part was ably presided over by W. Bro. Harvey Lloyd. The courtesy, kindness and hospitality of the brethren is appreciated by visitors. The S. C. B. Fund has not received the response from this lodge which it should from a lodge which stands out prominently for charity and good work. I hope in the near future the question will be taken up and fully subscribed. The lodge room has been redecorated and presents a beautiful appearance.

Georgina Lodge, No. 343, Toronto: On Dec. 4, their Commercial night, it was my pleasure to be present. There was a large attendance of brethren. After the first degree had been conferred in a pleasing manner by W. Bro. J. J. Spiers and his officers, the brethren repaired to the banqueting room, where Bro. Hon. W. J. Hanna, Provincial Secretary, and guest of the evening, addressed the brethren. As the membership of this lodge is largely composed of commercial travellers, he spoke at some length upon hotel accommodation. A fine musical programme was rendered. My visit of inspection was made to this lodge Feb. 5. The W. M., W. Bro. Spiers and his officers, in a very capable and efficient manner, conferred the first degree with full musical ritual, which added materially to the ceremoney. The work on this occasion showed a marked improvement from my former visit. The work of the Wardens and junior officers was very creditable. The charge was not given, as there was a candidate to follow. I afterwards heard W. Bro. C. G. Smith render this work in good form. The musical accompaniments in this lodge is of a high order, owing to the efforts of W. Bro. Shaver. The Secretary, W. Bro. Thompson, is an

efficient officer, and the books are neatly and accurately kept. There were present about 100 members and visitors. R. W. Bro. T. H. Brunton accompanied me, and at the refreshment table commented upon the wonderful change in the work and personel of the members from what it was when he was D. D. G. M. of District No. 11, and this lodge was situated at Sutton West. No lodge in the district knows better how to welcome and entertain visiting brethren. I had the pleasure of accompanying this lodge on a fraternal visit to Galt, when they exemplified the first degree in a manner superior to any work I witnessed in their own lodge. This lodge has practically disposed of the S. C. B. Fund by assuming it as a lodge debt and paying the balance of $197 in three equal annual payments, and the Secretary informs me he has forwarded $70.13 this year. I was present on their Ladies' Night, when the ladies presented the brethren with a beautiful altar drape and pillow.

Brock, No. 354, Cannington: I paid my official visit to this lodge on Oct. 27. I was accompanied from Sutton by W. Bro. Tremayne and others. Several visiting brethren were present from Sunderland, Uxbridge and Creemore. The W. M. and his officers, assisted by Bro. Bick, exemplified the first degree, and as this was the first meeting held after installation, they did not do themselves justice. In spite of this fact the work was presented in a very creditable manner, and with practice the officers of Brock Lodge will be able to perform the work as well as any of the rest. The majority of the members present were young men, and the prospects for good officers in the future are good. The Secretary, W. Bro. Kift, performs his duties in a very able manner and displays a distinct individuality in penmanship and manner of keeping his books. Dues are not in arrears to any great extent. After the proceedings in the lodge were closed the members and visiting brethren were invited to a banquet, at which the hospitality for which Brock Lodge is noted, was quite evident. The brethren of this lodge deserve credit for their promptness in responding to the call for the S. C. B. Fund, which was paid almost at the first call. This lodge is almost outside of the district, yet the work is quite uniform with that of the city lodges. W. Bro. Foster and other P. Ms. display an active interest in the affairs of the lodge, and are a source

of great help to the W. M. and his officers. There is no record of present rooms being dedicated.

St. George, No. 367, Toronto: I visited this lodge several times, the first time when a reception was tendered the D. D. G. Ms. of the two Toronto districts, R. W. Bro. Wilbey and myself, and R. W. Bro. T. P. C. Barnard, D. D. G. M. of the 37th Masonic District of the State of New York. There was a large attendance of brethren, and the evening proved to be a most enjoyable one. Among those present were V. W. Bros. A. E. Hagerman, H. T. Smith, A. G. Horwood, J. Pearson, and several ruling W. Ms. of the city lodges. W. Bro. A. C. Larter, the W. M., and his officers, in a most impressive manner, conferred the third degree. The proceedings at the festive board at the conclusion of the lodge meeting were of the usual high standard. The second occasion was on the night of installation, when a unique and exceedingly interesting ceremony took place, when W. Bro. R. Brennan installed his brother, W. Bro. J. Brennan, as W. M. of the lodge, and, assisted by the P. Ms. of the lodge, invested the officers in a manner seldom excelled in any lodge. The W. M. presented a P. M.'s jewel to W. Bro. A. C. Larter, the I. P. M. W. Bro. Saunders, on behalf of W. Bro. Larter, presented the lodge with a handsome portrait nicely framed, as well as a photograph of the officers of the past year. At the banquet the usual toasts were proposed and replied to. On April 1 I paid my official visit to this lodge. There was a good attendance. The third degree was conferred by W. Bro. J. Brennan, the W. M., and his officers, in a manner seldom equalled. The candidate proved to be particularly well skilled in the work of the previous degree. I found the books of the Secretary, R. C. Gallaher, models of neatness, and the most convenient and comprehensive set of books in any lodge in the district. One or two other lodges have the same style of books, and it would be a great convenience if all were the same. The work of the whole lodge was a credit to St. George and to Masonry. Peace and harmony prevail, and the prospects of this lodge are very bright. It has a devoted staff of P. Ms. This lodge has contributed $323 to the S. C. B. Fund this year, and has paid their assessment in full, which must be attributed to the energies of the P. Ms. and to the inspiration given by

the visit of the M. W. the G. M., who made an official visit to this lodge on Feb. 4, from which I was unavoidably absent, owing to a previous engagement.

Zeta, No. 410, Toronto: I made my visit of inspection to this lodge on March 25. There were 80 members present, and a number of P. Ms. and visiting brethren. The W. M., W. Bro. Robson, and his officers, assisted by P. Ms, exemplified the third degree in a creditable manner. This lodge has initiated 33 candidates this year, and the work is well completed. It has a devoted staff of P. Ms. who assist the officers in their work. Zeta has had worries and a ripple of discord, which has, I hope, been satisfactorily settled, for the welfare of the lodge, and I trust that peace and harmony may be its lot in the future. I found the books of the Secretary, Bro. Faulds, in excellent order. He is a valuable member to Zeta lodge. I again visited this lodge May 27, when there were over 100 members present. There were two candidates for initiation. The P. Ms. of the lodge conferred the ceremony of initiation on one, and the W. M., W. Bro. Robson, assisted by W. Bros. Young, Walker and Fairgrieve, on the other. The work of the P. Ms. showed that they were not only attendants, but faithful workers, quite capable of holding their own with those actively engaged in the work. The charge was rendered by R. W. Bro. Cavell in a manner seldom surpassed. This lodge has paid up its portion of the S. C. B. Fund, and has contributed a considerable sum for relief during the past year. The proceedings at the festive board on both occasions were most enjoyable.

Doric, No. 424, Pickering: I visited this lodge on March 24 and witnessed the first degree conferred by W. Bro. Chapman, I. P. M., assisted by the following P. Ms.: W. Bros. Gormley, of Doric, Patterson, of Brougham Union, and Kerr, of King Hiram Lodges. The work was well done, as might be expected from P. Ms. who keep in active touch with the work. There were visiting brethren present from Brougham Union, Mount Zion and King Hiram Lodges, also R. W. Bro. C. Rose, P. G. S. W. of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. The W. M., W. Bro. J. S. Jephson, and his officers, exemplified the third degree. The work, though not precisely accurate, was very good, and in no lodge that I visited was there a greater desire shown by the officers to become perfect

in the work. The work of the Wardens was good, and that of the junior officers very fair. The addition of a few inexpensive suggested accessories would assist these officers in their work. The books of the lodge are well and accurately kept by Bro. McFadden. The S. C. B. Fund has not received the attention it deserves by the officers and members. Their membership is widely scattered, and it is very difficult to present the matter to those at a distance in its proper light. The membership of this lodge is small, and it suffers from the removal to other parts of many of its brightest members. The brethren know how to entertain. I enjoyed their hospitality at the refreshment table as fully as in any lodge. Bros. Gormley and Chapman, and other P. Ms. take a lively interest in the affairs of the lodge.

Acacia, No. 430, Toronto: My first visit to this lodge was at an emergent meeting, when the I. P. M., W. Bro. Allan, assisted by P. Ms. and the officers, conferred the first degree on two candidates. The work was well rendered. I visited this lodge for inspection of the work, April 18. About 75 brethren were present, including several visitors. Among these was R. W. Bro. T. H. Brunton, P. D. D. G. M. of No. 11 District, before it was divided, who was well remembered by some of those who were present; W. Bro. Hague, W. M. of Stevenson, and W. Bro. Woodstock. The W. M., W. Bro. Abbott, and his officers, conferred the first degree in a creditable manner. The work of the junior officers was performed with considerable attention to details. The Tyler guards well the outer door. This lodge now enjoys concurrent jurisdiction with the city lodges, which is much to its advantage and advancement. The books are in the hands of an efficient Secretary, and are neatly and correctly kept. The lodge meets in a commodious and comfortable new hall which is particularly well furnished and decorated. R. W. Bro. Baynes Reid, V. W. Bro. J. Parsell, W. Bros. C. Fitzpatrick, J. Hunter and other P. Ms. are devoted attendants at the lodge meetings. The membership is increasing, the attendance fair, and good feeling and harmony exist. The hospitality of Acacia is always generous, and they exert every effort to make visitors feel at home, as I learned some years ago. As usual, a splendid banquet followed the proceedings in the lodge, and a splendid musical program enlivened the

proceedings. This lodge has disposed of the S. C. B. Fund by assuming it as a lodge debt and agreeing to pay off the balance owing in three equal annual payments. The Secretary informs me that he has forwarded $87.25, the first payment, to the Grand Secretary.

The Beaches, No. 473, Toronto: It was my extreme pleasure to be present at this lodge on their Canadian Night, Oct. 8. There was a large attendance of members and visitors to hear R. W. Bro. J. C. Morgan deliver a lecture on the "Symbolism of Masonry." He was listened to with breathless interest by the brethren and was accorded a most enthusiastic vote of thanks. At the refreshment tables the late R. W. Bro. W. Wilby responded to the toast of the Grand Lodge. The Rev. Bro. E. A. McIntyre proposed the toast of Canada, which was responded to by R. W. Bro. Rev. Canon Tucker. The speaker held his audience enthralled for a full hour by his humor and oratorical ability. The members of the lodge received many congratulations for the successful and instructive evening. I was present when W. Bro. Grierson, assisted by the P. Ms., installed W. Bro. W. J. Farmery as W. M. of the lodge and invested the other officers. W. Bro. Orr, the I. P. M., was a recipient of a beautiful P. M.'s jewel. I visited this lodge for inspection March 11. The W. M. and his officers exemplified the third degree in a very pleasing and impressive manner. The floor work of the Deacons, and that of the junior officers, was well performed. The brethren of this lodge not only teach, but practice, friendship and brotherly love. Although this is one of the youngest, it is one of the most progressive and enthusiastic lodges of the district. I was present at their Annual Birthday Night, when the chairs were occupied by P. Ms. of the lodge, who exemplified the first degree in a manner showing that they keep in active touch with the work of the lodge. W. Bro. J. McP. Ross, the first W. M., occupied the chair and initiated his own son. After the lodge was closed the ladies entered and presented the brethren with a beautiful altar drape and pillow worked in gold bullion. After the presentation the brethren and ladies repaired to the refreshment room, where, after the usual toasts had been honored, the ladies took charge of the proceedings, and in toasts, songs and recitations entertained the brethren. All enjoyed a most

amusing evening. The books of the Secretary, W. Bro. E. F. Walker, are well kept and in good order. This lodge has contributed a considerable sum towards the S. C. B. Fund, although not called upon to do so, as they were not instituted when the fund was started. The future of this lodge is brilliant.

Riverdale, U. D., Toronto: Aug. 12 I had the honor of instituting this new lodge, to be known as Riverdale Lodge, in Orient lodge rooms, corner of Queen Street and Bolton Avenue, where they had secured temporary quarters until they obtained a suitable place of their own. There was a good number of brethren present, besides the 30 or more petitioners. I was assisted in the ceremony by R. W. Bro. W. Wilby, D.D.G.M. of District No. 11, Toronto West; V. W. Bro. J. Pearson, G. D. of C., and P. Ms. of other lodges. The lodge started out under the most favorable circumstances, as among the petitioners were brethren who had done yeoman service in other lodges. The following are the first officers: W. Bro. E. R. J. Biggs, W. M.; W. Bro. D. Chisholm, I. P. M.; W. Bro. A. C. Larter, S. W.; Bro. H. W. Parsons, J. W.; W. Bro. C. A. J. Farquhar, Chaplain; Bro. E. B. Mackenzie, Secretary; W. Bro. D. Chisholm, Treasurer; Bro. L. A. Willson, S. D.; Bro. C. R. Sneath, J. D.; V. W. Bro. Jno. Pearson, D. of C.; Bro. J. W. MacNeill, S. S.; Bro. J. H. Damp, J. S.; V. W. Bro. Raymond Walker, Organist; Bro. John Bray, I. G.; Bro. J. Davidson, Tyler. On this night some 40 petitions were received and referred to the Board of General Purposes. I again visited this lodge at an emergent meeting June 1, when 40 members were present and the first and second degrees were conferred by W. Bros. Larter, Farquhar and Chisholm, and the officers of the lodge, and the work done was creditable to any warranted lodge. My third visit, for the purpose of inspection, was June 9. The W. M., W. Bro. Rev. E. R. J. Biggs, and his officers, exemplified the first degree. The W. M. having been removed to another field of labor, finds it difficult to be present at all the meetings of the lodge, but he has able assistants who carry on his work. This lodge is indebted to W.Ms. and P.Ms. of the city lodges for their kind assistance during the past year. Some of the junior officers, having done so much work, are quite capable of filling almost any position in the

lodge. The prospects of this lodge seem indeed bright. They have already over 100 members and the work is fairly well completed. The Secretary is well adapted for his work, and I found his books in good order. After the conclusion of the ceremonial work I was requested by the W. M. to present to W. Bro. Thorne, W. M. of Orient Lodge, a copy of the Volume of the Sacred Law as a slight recognition of the kindness of Orient in placing at their disposal the rooms, furniture and regalia until they had secured these for themselves. The W. M. also requested me to present, on his behalf, to the Secretary, a beautiful writing set, as a slight token of his appreciation of his services during the past year. V. W. Bro. H. T. Smith then gave a short address on the Symbolism of the First Degree. A splendid time was spent at the banquet which followed. This lodge has already contributed $54 on the S. C. B. Fund. They have secured very suitable and comfortable quarters at the corner of Broadview and Danforth Avenues, and have them well furnished, and all the appliances for carrying on the work, and my sincere wish is for the future prosperity of this young member of the Craft lodges.

In conclusion, I desire to sincerely thank the brethren for their many kindnesses and for assistance given me during my term of office. More particularly, I would like to mention R. W. Bros. W. R. Cavell, J. S. Lovell, T. H. Brunton, W. C. Wilkinson, W. D. McPherson, Jas. Haywood, P.D.D.G.Ms., and V. W. Bros. John Pearson, G. D. of C., H. T. Smith, P.G. Supt. W., and others who were ever ready and willing to render me any service in their power.

I have endeavored to discharge my duties faithfully and conscientiously so as to merit the honor conferred. I have no doubt made errors, but they were unintentional, and over these I trust the broad mantle of Masonic charity will be cast.

Fraternally submitted,

J. T. POWER, D. D. G. M.,

Toronto East District No. 11a.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Table shewing the work done in Toronto East District, No. 11A, from June 24th 1909, to June 24th, 1910

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Membership: Total No. of all Mem.	Membership: Increase during year	Membership: Decrease during year	Degree's Conf'rd: E. A.	Degree's Conf'rd: F. C.	Degree's Conf'rd: M. M.	Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased	Meet'gs held: Regular	Meet'gs held: Emergent	Meet'gs held: Total	Average attend'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. me'b'rs 12 m'ths in arr'rs	Total of all arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance
16	St. Andrew's	Toronto	390	14	..	16	15	12	4	..	1	..	..	6	10	8	18	10	220 00	18	94 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Bright	Yes	$750
23	Richmond	Richmond Hill	50	5	..	5	4	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	4	15	26	8 95	1	3 75	June 24, '09	Good	Good	Yes	$2000
25	Ionic	Toronto	218	11	..	7	6	9	4	..	2	..	..	2	9	4	13	36	189 50	..		June 24, '09	Good	Good	Yes	Trust
75	St. John's	Toronto	307	..	1	7	9	8	3	2	3	2	..	8	11	2	13	85	125 00	Treas in England		Dec. 31, '09	Good	Good	Yes	Trust
87	Mark'm U'n	Markham	84	1	..	4	4	4	1	..	..	..	..	1	13	1	14	15		19	90 35	June 24, '09	Good	Good	Yes	None
97	Sharon	Queensville	67	3	8	2	2	3	..	1	2	7	..	1	11	1	12	14	30 00	14	60 00	Mar. 22, '10	Fair	Fair	Yes	$250
99	Tuscan	Newmarket	84	..	2	7	3	5	1	..	1	9	..	..	11	4	15	16	60 00	..		Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	
129	Rising Sun	Aurora	91	1	11	1	2	2	..	..	5	6	..	..	13	1	14	16	380 00	2	30 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Fair	Yes	$1700
136	Richardson	Stouffville	63	..	1	4	5	4	1	..	2	3	..	1	10	1	11	17	58 50	10	60 00	Dec. 27, '09	Fair	Fair	No	$300
218	Stevenson	Toronto	238	7		12	15	13	4	..	..	6	..	4	10	5	15	80	75 00	14	160 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	Trust
220	Zeredatha	Uxbridge	94	4	..	4	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	11	20	25 00	12		June 24, '09	Fair	Fair	Yes	$200
269	Broug'm Un	Claremont	69	4	4	3	3	4	1	..	3	1	..	..	9	..	9	13	30 00	..		Dec. 27, '09	Fair	Fair	Yes	
316	Doric	Toronto	390	22	..	31	27	24	6	..	8	3	..	3	10	17	27	64	118 92	57	348 00	Mar. 10, '10	Good	Good	Yes	$1000
339	Orient	Toronto	315	..	..	19	14	10	1	1	4	13	..	4	14	9	23	45	117 00	34	170 00	Dec. 31, '09	Good	Excel'nt	Yes	$1500
343	Georgina	Toronto	311	28	10	23	21	22	5	..	9	..	..	2	10	10	20	56	150 00	20	300 00	Jan. 2, '10	Good	Excel'nt	Yes	None
354	Brock	Cannington	70	3	..	2	1	4	2	1	1	..	..	1	11	..	11	13		7	35 00	Dec. 27, '09	Fair	Good	Yes	$700
367	St. George's	Toronto	345	22	..	27	27	31	5	1	1	6	..	4	10	10	20	70	178 00	23	187 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	$1000
410	Zeta	Toronto	267	22	..	33	32	31	4	4	6	9	3	1	11	14	25	56	112 45	10	79 25	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Excel'ent	Yes	$1000
424	Doric	Pickering	42	2	..	3	3	2	..	3	..	5	..	1	10	1	11	12		5	10 00	Jan. 26, '10	Good	Good	Yes	$250
430	Acacia	Toronto	139	12	..	12	8	8	..	..	2	..	..	1	10	9	19	49	37 00	45	601 68	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	$1000
473	The Beaches	Toronto	159	12	7	8	6	8	4	..	5	1	..	1	12	6	18	67	85 00	1	11 00	Dec. 29, '09	Good	splendid	Yes	$1250
UD.	Riverdale	Toronto	127	..	..	89	61	32	10	..	..	..	..	1	9	23	32	34	66 00	..	30 00	Dec. 2', '09	Good	Excel'nt	Yes	$1000
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ONTARIO DISTRICT No. 12.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report on the condition and progress of Craft Masonry in Ontario District No. 12. Before doing so, permit me to thank the brethren of the district for the honor which they conferred upon me by electing me to the important and responsible position of District Deputy Grand Master, and also the Worshipful Masters and brethren of the various lodges for their kind and courteous treatment during my term of office. I have endeavored to impress upon the brethren the dignity and high importance of the order, and have strongly urged them to study the principles and symbolism of the work.

My first official act was to send a circular letter to all the lodges, notifying them of my appointment, and to forward all notices of meetings to me. I also appointed Bro. G. S. Patrick, of Faithful Brethren Lodge, Lindsay, as District Secretary, and I am greatly indebted to him for favors received during the year.

All lodges in this district have been dedicated, with the exception of Victoria Lodge, No. 398, of Kirkfield. Circumstances over which we had no control prevented it from being done.

I am pleased to report that peace and harmony exist in every lodge, that the numerical increase in several has been the greatest in their history, and that the work is generally well done by the W. M. and officers. Indeed, in almost every instance it was my pleasure and duty to compliment, not criticise, the brethren for the excellent exemplification of the work in the several degrees.

During my term of office I have visited every lodge officially, and on each occasion the heartiest welcome awaited me, and I shall always look back upon those visits with very happy reminiscences.

I am pleased to be able to report that the lodges generally throughout the district have made substantial pro-

gress in their contributions towards the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, and that before long all the lodges will have paid their quota in full, and I wish to thank M. W. Bro. Harding, P. G. M., who has been a father to me in the way of kindly counsel, and through his assistance all lodges in this district, with the exception of three, have paid their quota. It might reasonably be said that Ontario District No. 12 has paid its share, as some of the lodges have paid more than the amounts expected from them, and make up for the lodges who have not paid their quota. M. W. Bro. Harding is eager to do anything in his power for the advancement of Masonry, and has accompanied me to the remotest parts of my district to speak for the cause of which he has the honor of being the father.

Fraternal Dead.—I regret to have to report the death of the following members, who have been called to the Grand Lodge Above since the last report from this district: Bros. B. Barrett and J. B. Dow, of Composite Lodge No. 30, Whitby; Alexander Brown and E. F. Holtby, of Fidelity Lodge, No. 428, Port Perry; Johnson Ellis, of Faithful Brethren Lodge, No. 77, Lindsay; W. Bro. J. B. Anderson, of North Entrance Lodge, No. 463, Haliburton. From reports I have lately received I notice there have been other deaths, but Secretaries have omitted reporting them to me.

On Wednesday, January 26th, I held a Lodge of Instruction at Fenelon Falls. M. W. Bro. Macwatt, Grand Master, and M. W. Bro. Harding, P. G. M., honored the brethren of Ontario District No. 12 by being present. It was one of the largest and most enthusiastic Masonic gatherings ever held in Fenelon Falls. The lodge was opened at 1:30 p.m. by W. Bro. Johnston, of Spry Lodge. At 2 p.m. the W. M. and officers of Murray Lodge, No. 408, Beaverton, took the chairs and worked the first degree in a very correct and proper manner. The second degree was conferred in a faultless manner by W. Bro. Galloway and the officers of Harding Lodge, No. 477, Woodville, and called forth words of commendation from the distinguished brethren present. The evening session began at 7:30. After the lodge had been called to labor the first order of business was the reception of Grand Lodge officers. This being over, the chairs were taken by W. Bro. Nugent and his junior officers,

when the third degree was conferred upon an unusually bright candidate by the officers of Faithful Brethren Lodge, No. 77, Lindsay. The degree was exemplified in a correct and impressive manner, with the assistance of the musical quartette of Faithful Brethren Lodge, the whole being done with that solemnity which makes a good impression on the candidate. I wish to thank M. W. Bro. Macwatt and M. W. Bro. Harding, the rulers of the Craft in Ontario, for their kindness in being present on this occasion. Their presence was certainly appreciated by the brethren, and their splendid addresses inspired enthusiasm in the minds of all present. I wish also to thank the brethren of Spry Lodge, Fenelon Falls, for the extra effort put forth by them to make this Lodge of Instruction a success. Their many kindnesses to those present will not soon be forgotten. After the inner man was fully satisfied the evening ended in speeches and songs.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

On Thursday, April 7th, I visited Composite Lodge, No. 30, Whitby. I spent a most enjoyable evening with the brethren. There was a good attendance of members present. I was introduced to the W. M. by R. W. Bro. White, P. D. D. G. M. W. Bro. Aird and his officers conferred the second degree upon a candidate to my entire satisfaction. The Senior Warden, Bro. McGilvery, performed his duties satisfactorily. He gave the lecture on the tracing board in a very effective manner. The Deacons and Stewards are very efficient officers, and I was more than pleased with their work. The Secretary's books are well and neatly kept, and the members have paid $31.00 more than their quota to the Semi-Centennial Fund.

On Friday, April 22nd, accompanied by M. W. Bro. Harding, I visited Mount Zion Lodge, No. 39, Brooklin. There was a large number of the brethren present from Pickering and Whitby, and I once more had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. White, P. D. D. G. M. The work of the evening was the conferring of the third degree on two candidates, which was very nicely done by the W. M., assisted by W. Bro. James Moore. I had the pleasure of meeting W. Bros. James and John Moore, both of whom take a great interest in lodge

matters, and are only too willing to assist in anything that will materially advance the work of Masonry.

On Friday, April 1st, I visited Faithful Brethren Lodge, No. 77, Lindsay, this being my mother lodge. There was a large number of the brethren present. I was introduced to the officers and members of the lodge by W. Bro. Begg, Mayor of Lindsay, and W. Bro. McMahon. It was W. Bro. Begg who taught me my first lesson in Masonry, and naturally I felt pleased to have him introduce me on this occasion. The work of the evening was the conferring of the first degree upon two candidates, the degree being impressively given by W. Bro. Armstrong, being assisted by a number of the Past Masters of the lodge, who are all well skilled in the work, consequently the degree was exceedingly well and impressively rendered. After the lodge closed we retired to the banqueting room. After the inner man had been fully satisfied, speeches and songs brought to a close a most pleasant evening.

On Thursday, April 21, I visited Lebanon Lodge, No. 139, Oshawa, once more being accompanied by M. W. Bro. Harding. There was a large number of the brethren present. M. W. Bro. Harding and myself were introduced to the brethren by R. W. Bro. Percy H. Punshon, P. D. D. G. M. The W. M., Bro. Babe, welcomed us most cordially, and in every detail of the evening proved himself a most efficient presiding officer. The work of the evening was the Master Mason degree, when two candidates were raised by Bro. Babe and a number of the Past Masters, and the work admits of no criticism. A fine banquet was enjoyed in the banqueting room connected with the lodge, followed by a fine musical program, interspersed with some excellent speeches.

On Friday, January 21st, I visited Verulam Lodge, No. 268, Bobcaygeon. Only a small number of brethren were present on this occasion, owing to the very stormy weather which prevailed. A number of the brethren live some distance from the lodge, which made it impossible for them to be present. As this was the first meeting after installation of the new officers, and there being no work, W. Bro. Barber exemplified the second degree upon a substitute candidate in a very creditable and correct manner. I also had the pleasure of having R.

W. Bro. Fulton, of Lindsay, accompany me on this visit. This lodge, under the guiding hand of W. Bro. Barber, has, since my official visit, paid its full quota to the Semi-Centennial Fund.

On Tuesday, January 25, I visited Cedar Lodge, Oshawa, accompanied by M. W. Bro. Harding. A good attendance was present, and I was pleased to see so many P. Ms. taking a continued interest in their lodge. The junior officers were all in their chairs, and the work of the first degree was performed by the W. M., assisted by the P. M., in a perfect manner. I was pleased to meet so many of the brethren from Whitby, Pickering and Uxbridge. M. W. Bro. Harding addressed the brethren on the Semi-Centennial Fund, and before the lodge closed the members passed a resolution paying their quota to the fund. A banquet was held and a sociable and profitable time was spent.

On Thursday, May 19, I visited Victoria Lodge, No. 398, Kirkfield. There was quite a large number of the brethren present from Coboconk, and I had the pleasure of being accompanied by W. Bros. Staback and Patterson, of Woodville. The work of the evening was the first degree, and was very nicely given by W. Bro. Ross. The work of the Wardens was very good, especially the lecture on the tracing board given by the Junior Warden. This lodge, although in poor circumstances for some time, has now taken on a new lease of life, and on the night of my visit had one initiation and five applications for membership, and under W. Bros. Ross and Mosgrove, Victoria Lodge will be known as one of the most prosperous lodges in the district.

I made my first official visit to The Spry Lodge, No. 406, Fenelon Falls, on Wednesday, November 24. I received a most pleasant welcome from the brethren, of whom there were a large number present. W. Bro. Johnston opened the lodge in the several degrees, and conferred the third degree on a candidate in a very highly satisfactory manner. Bro. Johnston and his officers are well skilled in the work, and received from me the credit they so justly deserved. The lodge room is nicely furnished, as well as decorated, and proves the interest taken in Masonry in Fenelon Falls. The books are kept in a very creditable manner by R. W. Bro. Fitzgerald, and the brethren are to be congratulated on their

choice of Secretary. After the work of the evening was finished I spoke to the brethren on Masonry, and particularly the Semi-Centennial Fund and their duty towards it.

On Thursday, Feb. 24, I visited Murray Lodge, No. 408, Beaverton. I was accompanied by W. Bros. Staback and Patterson, of Harding Lodge, who wished to pay a fraternal visit to Murray Lodge. The roads being blocked from the storm of the previous day, a small number of the brethren were present. The W. M. and officers of the lodge initiated one candidate into the mysteries of Masonry in a very commendable manner. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Williamson in his own lodge. He is also Secretary of Murray Lodge, and a most genial and hospitable Mason in every respect. The membership is increasing, finances in good shape, and the outlook very encouraging.

On Friday, March 25, I visited Fidelity Lodge, No. 428, Port Perry, being once more accompanied by M. W. Bro. Harding. There was a large attendance of members, and the work of the first degree was exemplified in a most excellent manner by W. Bro. Adams and his officers. I also had the pleasure of meeting my old friend, R. W. Bro. Hutchinson. I wish also to thank the brethren who so kindly entertained M. W. Bro. Harding and myself during our stay in their pretty village. Our visit to Fidelity Lodge will not soon be forgotten. The books are well kept by Bro. Short, dues well paid up, and bright prospects ahead for Fidelity Lodge.

On Friday, November 26, after a sleigh ride of 12 miles, I arrived in Minden and visited Arcadia Lodge, No. 440. Here I met a number of the brethren with whom I have been associated in the cause of Masonry for a number of years, chief amongst them being Bro. Munn. The second degree was conferred upon a candidate by W. Bro. Welsh and his officers in a very creditable manner. R. W. Bro. Fulton, of Lindsay, was with me on this occasion. The books of the lodge are very neatly and correctly kept by W. Bro. Young, who is a very painstaking Secretary. Arcadia Lodge has paid to the Semi-Centennial Fund $31 more than its quota.

I visited Somerville Lodge, No. 451, Kinmount, on Thursday, Nov. 25. There was a large number of the brethren present. I found the affairs of the lodge in a

very flourishing condition. The work exemplified was an initiation, and was particularly well done by W. Bro. McKenzie and his excellent staff of officers, the charge to the newly initiated being given by W. Bro. Smith in a very impressive manner. The books of the lodge are very nicely kept by their Secretary, Bro. Beales, and are a credit to himself, as well as the lodge.

On Friday, Dec. 27, I visited North Entrance Lodge, No. 463, Haliburton. Of this lodge I am pleased to say I was a charter member and its first Senior Warden. I have watched its progress very attentively and have seen it grow steadily, and it is now one of the best lodges in the Northern District. As there was no work for the evening the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in a most capable manner by W. Bro. Anderson and his officers. After a few complimentary remarks on the work and the progress of the lodge, this being St. John's night, assisted by R. W. Bro. Fitzgerald, I had the pleasure of installing and investing the officers for the ensuing year. North Entrance Lodge has paid $26 more than its quota to the Semi-Centennial Fund. Books are well kept and lodge in good condition.

On Friday, February 18, I visited King Edward Lodge, No. 464, Sunderland, being again accompanied by M. W. Bro. Harding. I was simply delighted with my visit. Brethren from sister lodges were present, and a fine spirit manifested itself. The second degree was exemplified in a masterly manner, every officer doing his work well, the lecture on the tracing board being exceptionally well given by Bro. Shier. After the work M. W. Bro. Harding addressed the brethren on the Semi-Centennial Fund, and the lodge promised to pay their quota before the next meeting of Grand Lodge. After the lodge was closed the brethren retired to the Brock House, where a banquet was held, and M. W. Bro. Harding had the pleasure of placing a Past Master's Jewel on the breast of W. Bro. Purvis, a very zealous member of the lodge.

On February 23 I visited Harding Lodge, No. 477, Woodville. Although one of the severest and heaviest snow storms of the season occurred on the afternoon and all the evening, completely blocking the roads, a goodly number were present. The work of the evening was the exemplification of the Master Mason's degree, and was done not hurriedly, but impressively by W. Bro.

Patterson and his officers. The books are well kept and very neat in appearance, W. Bro. Staback being a very efficient and painstaking Secretary. The members have been so busy paying money on their lodge room that they had completely overlooked the S. C. B. Fund. After I had spoken to them about it, and before the lodge was closed, the sum of $34 was paid to the Secretary.

In conclusion, I wish to return my sincere thanks to the brethren of the district for the very hearty and welcome manner in which they all received me, and for the many acts of kindness extended to me on every occasion. I have made no mention of the many banquets furnished during my official visits. However, I am deeply grateful for the same, and will ever hold in fond remembrance the fraternal greetings accorded me, also the old friendships renewed and new ones formed.

Fraternally submitted,

RALPH CLARKE, D. D. G. M.,

Ontario District No. 12.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table showing the work done in Ontario District, No. 12, from June 24th, 1909, to June 24th, 1910

Number of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Membership		Degree's Conf'd			Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N.P.D.	Suspensions other causes	Deceased	Meet'gs held			Average atten'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. me'b'rs 12 m'ths in arr'rs	Total of all arrearages	Date of last G. L. return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W.M. work all degrees	Insurance
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	Decrease during year	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.							Regular	Emergent	Total									
30	Composite ..	Whitby	77	2	..	5	3	2	..	..	1	..	..	2	13	2	15	19	39 00	2	51 00	Jan. 7, '10	Good	Good	Yes	$500
39	Mount Zion..	Brooklin	53	7	..	7	8	6	..	..	..	1	..	1	12	3	15	20	60 00	4	61 00	Dec. '09	Good	Good	Yes	$1200
77	Faith'l Bre'n	Lindsay	201	12	..	14	11	11	5	..	4	2	..	1	13	3	16	35	131 28	30	102 00	Feb. '10	Good	Good	Yes	$1200
139	Lebanon	Oshawa	46	7	..	12	12	6	2	..	..	1	..	5	11	5	16	27	52 00	..	100 00	Jan. 7, '09	Good	v.bright	Yes	
268	Verulam	Bobcageon	66	8	..	8	6	5	1	..	1	..	..	..	13	2	15	17		23	189 32	Dec. 27, '09	Fair	Fair	Yes	$400
270	Cedar	Oshawa	104	5	3	5	5	5	..	..	3	..	..	..	9	2	11	25	19 00	37	212 00	June 24, '10	Good	Good	Yes	$850
398	Victoria	Kirkfield	34	7	..	7	2	2	..	..	..	12	..	2	6	..	6	10		14		June '06	Poor	Fair	Yes	none
406	The Spry	Fenelon Falls ..	80	..	1	4	5	4	..	..	2	1	..	..	13	2	15	16		23	87 75	June 30, '10	Good	Good	Yes	$600
408	Murray	Beaverton	54	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	1	11	18	10 00	3	65 00	Jan. '09	Fair	Fair	Yes	Yes
428	Fidelity	Port Perry	118	13	..	16	5	3	..	..	..	..	..	2	10	4	14	30	28 60	23	80 00	Jan. 12, '10	Good	Good	Yes	$700
440	Arcadia	Minden	57	3	2	3	2	2	..	..	1	..	..	1	13	..	13	16½	10 00	3	33 50	Jan. 7, '10	Good	Good	Yes	$300
451	Somerville ..	Kinmount	58	5	..	3	3	..	1	1	..	5	..	..	13	..	13	20		..		Dec. 27, '09	Fair	Good	Yes	$2000
463	N. Entrance.	Haliburton . .	43	1	6	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	..	2	12	..	12	10	10 00	4	17 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Fair	Yes	$175
464	King Edward	Sunderland	55	1	3	1	5	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	12	..	12	17		10	77 00	Jan. '10	Fair	Good	Yes	$500
477	Harding	Woodville	47	1	..	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	1	12	13	48 00	2	8 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Fair	Yes	$1200

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, No. 13

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in the Thirteenth Masonic District, familiarly known as the Prince Edward District, for the past year, and before doing so desire to express my sincere thanks to my brethren for having elected me to the high and honorable position of District Deputy Grand Master, and for the many kindnesses shown to me while performing my duties.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. S. B. McClung, District Secretary, and R. W. Bro. Rev. W. T. Wilkins, District Chaplain, both of Trent Lodge, No. 38, Trenton.

I have visited all the lodges in the district once officially, and some of them once or twice extra to speak on the Semi-Centennial Fund. The work of the District is fairly well up to the mark, and practice, combined with persistent effort, will soon render the work perfect, or as near perfect as it can be done.

I am pleased to say that harmony prevails in all the lodges but one, and we trust the discord which obtains at the present time will soon be eliminated so that perfect harmony will be assured throughout the district.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

On receiving the usual circular from the Grand Secretary, I noted thereon that it was necessary for the District Deputy to hold a Lodge of Instruction some time during the year, and a little later received a letter from the M. W. the Grand Master, inquiring what date had been arranged for holding same.

I at once asked my mother lodge permission to hold one, which was readily granted, and on Tuesday afternoon and evening, March 22nd, 1910, a very successful Lodge of Instruction was held, at which every lodge in

the district was represented, with the exception of Percy Lodge, No. 161, Warkworth. The M. W. the Grand Master graced the occasion by his presence.

The first degree was conferred by W. Bro. James Gillard and officers of St. John's Lodge, No. 17, Cobourg.

The second degree was conferred by W. Bro. Nelson Ostrander and officers of Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18, Picton.

The third degree was conferred by W. Bros. A. R. Walker, C. D. Dyke and Wm. McGie, of Eureka, No. 283, the Belleville. No. 123, and the Moira, No. 11, respectively, and their officers.

Discussion followed each degree, which brought out and assisted to dispel any inaccuracies which had been allowed to creep in. The whole proceedings were brought to a close by a banquet tendered to the visiting brethren by Trent Lodge, No. 38.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

This fund should have been collected and in the hands of the Trustees by the end of the year 1905, but it has dragged along to the present year. I have given this fund decidedly more attention than anything else, and am pleased to state that the brethren of the district have responded nobly and well. The only lodge which could claim a star for full payment of their quota was Colborne Lodge, No. 91, but I am pleased to say that the following lodges are starred this year, and have joined the ranks of those who are paid in full, viz.: Moira, No. 11, Belleville; United, No. 29, Brighton; Trent, No. 38, Trenton; Consecon, No. 50, Consecon; The Belleville, No. 123, Belleville; Star in the East, No. 164, Wellington; Tweed, No. 239. Tweed, and Eureka, No. 283, Belleville, while the others have added amounts to what they had already sent forward. The total amount which has been forwarded to the Grand Secretary since I assumed office amounts to $2,152.00. I trust that this coming year will see our district fully paid up.

The books of the Secretaries are well kept, and especially so where a Past Master has been elected to that office. You will note, however, by the statistical report, that the outstanding dues are much too large, and if the Secretaries will be persistent in the collection of the

dues, success will crown their efforts. There is no need of having so much outstanding.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

The following brethren have been reported:—

W. Bro. Alexander Archibald Roberts, barrister-at-law. Initiated in Moira Lodge, No. 11, Nov. 25th, 1895, and was elected Master, December, 1906. His death took place at his home, Sept. 6th, 1909. A lovable brother, and as far as his means would allow, his hand was always extended to a brother in distress.

Bro. Charl s Henry Kyle, initiated in Moira Lodge, No. 11, July 22nd, 1896. Died at Belleville Hospital, of typhoid fever, Aug. 20th, 1909. He never held office, but was a good brother, and never turned away a deserving case needing charity.

W. Bro. George Spence died Feb. 4th, 1910, and W. Bro. Henry F. Holland, May 7th, 1910. Both of them were pioneer Past Masters of St. John's Lodge, No. 17, Cobourg, Ont.

Bro. Wm. Duff, a past S. W., and Bros. F. B. Hope and Francis Peck, of Trent Lodge, No. 38; Bro. Robt. R. Robinson, of Consecon Lodge, No. 50, and Bro. Roy Stanton Ainsworth, of Colborne Lodge, No. 91, all buried with Masonic honors.

VISITS.

Lake Lodge, No. 215, Ameliasburgh: I made my first official visit to this lodge on Sept. 27th, accompanied by W. Bros. McClung and Siddall and Bro. B. W. Powers. R. W. Bro. John Newton, and several brethren from Belleville, also from neighboring lodges, were in attendance. As the proper officers were not present, the work was not as well conferred as no doubt it would have been if properly officered. There are good prospects ahead for this lodge.

Tweed Lodge, No. 239, Tweed: I visited this lodge on Oct. 22nd, and considering the night, which was rainy and cold, the attendance was all that could be desired. The work called for very little criticism.

Marmora Lodge, No. 222, Marmora: Visited this lodge on Oct. 25th, accompanied by V. W. Bro. F.

Davey Diamond, of Belleville. There was a large attendance and work well done.

Percy Lodge, No. 161, Warkworth: I made my official visit to this lodge on Oct. 27th, accompanied by Bros. Mayhew and Weaver, of Trenton. The attendance was very slim, but work well done.

Stirling Lodge, No. 69, Stirling: Visited this lodge on Nov. 4th, accompanied by R. W. Bro. J. S. Dench, W. Bro. S. B. McClung, and Bro. B. W. Powers. Splendid meeting, work well conferred and excellent prospects ahead

Franck Lodge, No. 127, Frankford: Visited this lodge Nov. 22nd, accompanied by R. W. Bro. W. T. Wilkins, District Chaplain, and W. Bro. S. B. McClung, District Secretary, and drove there in the worst rain storm of the season. Good attendance considering the night. No work, but requested the W. M. to open and close in the three degrees, which was well done.

St. John's Lodge, No. 17, Cobourg: I visited this lodge Nov. 23rd, and was royally received. Splendid attendance and the work so well done that nothing but congratulations were in order. Good prospects ahead for this lodge.

December 29th being the night for installation and investment of the officers of Trent Lodge, No. 38, I was requested by the W. M. to conduct the ceremony.

Moira Lodge, No. 11, Belleville: Visited this lodge Jan. 19th, accompanied by W. Bro. S. B. McClung, and, as usual, was royally received by the mother lodge of the district. The third degree was conferred on two candidates, the first one by R. W. Bro. S. S. Lazier on his nephew, and the other by the W. M. The work was all that could be desired.

Consecon Lodge, No. 50, Consecon: Visited this lodge Jan. 21st, accompanied by W. Bro. Cronk and Bros. Crews, Robertson, Mayhew and Alyea, all of Trenton. There were brethren in attendance from Moira, Lake, and Star in the East Lodges. There was a good attendance considering the bad rain storm we had all through the day. As the candidate did not put in an appearance, I requested the W. M. to open and close in the three degrees, which was well done. One familiar face I missed particularly. I refer to R. W. Bro. T. H. Thornton, who was unable to be present owing to the roads being so very icy and dangerous.

Franck Lodge, No. 127, Frankford: On Jan. 24th, accompanied by Bro. Paton, of Scotland, I drove to Frankford and conferred the installation service at their request.

United Lodge, No. 29, Brighton: Visited this lodge Jan. 25th, accompanied by W. Bro. S. B. McClung and Bros. Cottrell and Miller. Had a splendid reception. Work of second degree well rendered. Plenty of the right kind of candidates coming in.

The Belleville Lodge, No. 123, Belleville: Visited this lodge Feb. 3rd. Good attendance considering counter attractions and a snow storm. Well received and work in second degree well conferred. R. W. Bros. Pringle, O'Flynn and Newton were present to support me.

Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18, Picton: Visited this lodge on Feb. 17th, and notwithstanding a heavy snow storm there was an attendance of 110 members and visitors. Lake and Star in the East furnished their usual quota of visitors. The third degree was conferred on one candidate in an impressive manner. My reception was very cordial.

Eureka Lodge, No. 283, Belleville: Visited this lodge on March 2nd, accompanied by W. Bros. Booth, Cronk and Siddall, of Trenton, and W. Bro. J. D. Stinson, of Wellington. The first degree was conferred on one candidate, and was well rendered. The lecture by the J. W. was the best I have ever listened to. R. W. Bros. Webster, O'Flynn and Newton were present to support me.

Star in the East, No. 164, Wellington: I visited this lodge on March 15th. As their regular meeting came on the same date as the Lodge of Instruction, they were pleased to call an emergent meeting for my official visit. The work was the conferring of the third degree on one candidate and it was well rendered. Quite a few visitors from surrounding lodges were present.

Colborne Lodge, No. 91, Colborne: Visited this lodge on March 25th, accompanied by W. Bro. S. B. McClung, District Secretary. Reception all that could be desired. Work of first degree conferred on two candidates, and was very well done considering the difficulties they are laboring under, their hall having been destroyed by fire. R. W. Bro. F. L. Webb was present with us.

Craig Lodge, No. 401, Deseronto: Visited this lodge on April 5th and was loyally received. Owing to the W. M. having suffered the great loss of his dear wife, he was not present woth us. W. Bro. Fred Frost, I. P. M., assumed the gavel and conferred a third degree. It was well done. R. W. Bro. Henry Pringle, of Belleville, was a welcome visitor.

Madoc Lodge, No. 48, Madoc: Visited this lodge on April 19th, accompanied by R. W. Bro. F. E. O'Flynn and Bro. O'Flynn, his son. Owing to a heavy downpour of rain the attendance was not what it would have been had the weather been fair. Reception good. Work of third degree well rendered.

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 126, Campbellford: Visited Pringle, O'Flynn and Newton were present to support this lodge on May 10th, accompanied by W. Bro. S. B. McClung and Bro. W. B. Powers. Third degree conferred on a candidate in an impressive manner. My reception was most cordial. Missed one familiar face from the lodgeroom in the person of V. W. Bro. C. G. Wensley.

Trent Lodge, No. 38, Trenton: Visited my mother lodge officially on May 17th and was received most cordially. R. W. Bros. O'Flynn and Newton, and several Past Masters from other lodges, were present to assist in silencing the D. D. G. M. for once. Immediately after my reception, which was very loyal, the District Chaplain, R. W. Bro. Rev. W. T. Wilkins, read an address and pinned a P. D. D. G. M.'s jewel on my breast. I was so completely taken by surprise that I was unable to respond as I should have done. The first degree was conferred on one candidate, and was well rendered.

Bancroft Lodge, No. 482, Bancroft: Visited this lodge on May 20th, and was cordially received. The work of the evening was the conferring of the third degree on one candidate, which was very well rendered.

Stirling Lodge, No. 69, Stirling: On June 24th, accompanied by Bro. W. W. Miller, of Trenton, and Bro. Geo. Doherty, of Thorold, I visited this lodge again and conferred the installation service on the newly-elected officers, and incidentally put in a good word for the Semi-Centennial Fund.

On Sunday, June 26th, I attended Divine service with my Belleville brethren. I was accompanied by Bro. W. W. Miller, of Trenton.

DEDICATION OF LODGES.

The lodges which appear to have been dedicated in this district are as follows: Consecon, No. 50, Consecon, on Jan. 3rd, 1905, by R. W. Bro. Halliwell; Colborne, No. 91, Colborne, on Dec. 27th, 1869, by Rev. W. J. McKenzie. This lodge room has been burned this year. Franck Lodge, No. 127, Frankford, on Oct. 29th, 1885, by R. W. Bro. Longmore; Star in the East Lodge, No. 164, Wellington on Dec. 17th, 1889, by R. W. Bro. Wm. Smeaton; Tweed Lodge, No. 239, Tweed, on Oct. 12th, 1906, by R. W. Bro. W. N. Ponton; Craig Lodge, No. 401, Deseronto, on July 4th, 1893, by M. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson officiating, and R. W. Bro. T. H. Thornton, D. D. G. M.

I have turned over to the Grand Secretary all communications I have on this subject for his perusal.

The only lodge to have their by-laws revised this year was Franck Lodge, No. 127, and same have been confirmed by the M. W. the Grand Master.

I desire to express my sincere thanks to the brethren of my mother lodge who accompanied me on my official visits, and particularly to W. Bro. S. B. McClung, District Secretary. I also desire to tender my thanks to Bros. B. W. Powers and W. W. Miller for placing their automobiles at my disposal. Their doing so lessened my labors very much and saved time.

The social features of this district have never been neglected, and this past year has proved no exception to the rule. All have vied in doing honor to the D. D. G. M.

Now that my labors as D. D. G. M. are ended, I cannot close this report without expressing my high appreciation of the courteous and fraternal manner in which I have been treated by the brethren throughout my jurisdiction, and I bespeak the same treatment for my successor.

I cannot hope to have pleased all, or to have governed without making some errors, but my brethren will remember that "to err is human," and in judging my conduct will consider the intention as well as the deed.

Fraternally sbmitted,

R. H. SPENCER, D. D. G. M.,

Prince Edward District No. 13.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Table shewing the work done in Prince Edward District No. 13 from June 24th, 1909, to June 24th, 1910

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Membership: Total No. of all Mem.	Membership: Increase during year	Membership: Decrease during year	Degr'e's Conf'rd: E. A.	Degr'e's Conf'rd: F. C.	Degr'e's Conf'rd: M. M.	Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased	Meet'gs held: Regular	Meet'gs held: Emergent	Meet'gs held: Total	Average attend'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. me'b'rs 12 m'ths in arr'rs	Total of all arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance
11	The Moira ..	Belleville	255	14	15	10	10	6	4	..	8	5	..	2	12	4	16	46	87 80	44	160 50	Dec. 27, '09	v'y good	Good	Yes	joint
17	St. John's ..	Cobourg	118	14	2	11	7	5	3	..	..	..	..	2	13	8	21	25		17	40 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	v. prom.	Yes	$750
18	Pr. Edward.	Picton	236	12	9	8	9	10	3	1	..	5	..	4	12	9	21	40	90 00	..	65 75	Jan. 12, '10	Good	Fair	Yes	$4000
29	United	Brighton	119	4	1	4	4	5	..	..	1	..	..	..	8	4	12	25	150 00	20	60 00	Dec. 27, '09	Excel'nt	Good	Yes	$700
38	Trent	Trenton	124	14	6	13	13	9	..	1	3	..	..	3	12	5	17	24	40 73	2	7 50	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	$800
48	Madoc	Madoc	118	4	1	3	2	2	..	1	..	..	..	1	11	2	13	20	20 00	6	50 00	July 4, '09	Good	Good	Yes	$1500
50	Consecon	Consecon	57	3	1	3	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	13	1	14	20		10	27 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	$300
69	Stirling	Stirling..	82	9	4	8	7	6	..	1	4	..	..	..	14	..	14	20		20	155 95	Dec. 27, '09	Fair	Good	Yes	$1200
91	Colborne .. .	Colborne	108	5	7	5	3	3	..	..	6	..	..	1	12	4	16	19	60 00	33	117 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	ex. good	Yes	$1000
123	The Belleville	Belleville	218	9	5	9	10	14	..	..	2	..	..	3	12	5	17	40	145 00	38	169 00	Dec. '09	Good	Bright	Yes	joint
126	Golden Rule	Campbellford ..	85	8	4	6	5	4	2	..	1	1	..	3	12	9	21	25		7	21 00	Jan. '10	Fair	Fair	Yes	$350
127	Franck	Frankford	102	2	1	..	..	1	..	2	..	1	..	..	11	..	11	30	47 00	28	81 50	Dec. 31, '09	Good	Fair	Yes	$550
161	Percy	Warkworth	76	8	12	6	2	2	..	2	3	8	..	1	11	2	13	20		25	50 00	Mar. '10	Good	Good	Yes	$200
164	Star in East	Wellington	125	10	8	9	10	7	1	..	1	4	..	3	13	7	20	28	15 00	12	30 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	$2000
215	Lake	Ameliasburgh ..																	No Returns							
222	Marmora	Marmora	79	7	5	6	4	4	1	..	..	4	..	2	13	1	14	14	220 00	25	65 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	$1000
239	The Tweed .	Tweed	109	9	9	6	5	5	3	..	3	4	..	2	13	2	15	30	60 00	24	120 00	Dec. 27, '09	Fair	Fair	Yes	$400
283	Eureka	Belleville	100	6	1	4	6	7	1	1	1	..	..	..	9	2	11	22	20 00	12	61 85	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	joint
401	Craig	Deseronto																	No Returns							
482	Bancroft	Bancroft	63	13	3	11	8	7	2	..	3	..	..	..	13	3	16	21		3	84 50	Jan. 3, '10	Good	Good	Yes	$150

FRONTENAC DISTRICT No. 14

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

In presenting for your consideration the report of this District for the past year I desire to place on record my appreciation of the high honor conferred on me in being elected to the office of District Deputy Grand Master. I also wish to thank the officers and members of every one of the lodges in the district for the uniform kindness and hospitality extended to me during my term of office.

The work done by all the lodges of the district is of a high class, and shows a great improvement over the work of a few years ago. This improvement I attribute to the earnest work of my predecessors and the anxiety of all the officers, without exception, to carry on the work as laid down by Grand Lodge.

Throughout the district I found Masonry in a healthy condition, and the new material seems to be of an excellent quality. I was struck very forcibly by the harmony which prevails amongst the lodges. Where distance permitted I found on the occasion of each visit a strong representation from the sister lodges nearby.

On each of my visits I urged strongly the claims of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, and if the promises made to me have been carried out, this district should be in a good position as far as the Fund is concerned.

In most of the lodges the hands of the Master are strengthened by the presence and assistance of the Past Masters, who continue to take part in the work of the lodge. This is at it should be, for the Past Master who accepts the highest office in the gift of his lodge and drops off in his attendance as soon as he passes the chairs shows little true interest in the Craft.

The work of the Secretaries throughout the district is uniformly good. Twelve of the sixteen who are now in office are Past Masters, and are thus the better enabled to carry on the work of the office and assist their Masters.

A majority of the lodges in the district attended Divine Service as Masons on the Festival of St. John the Baptist, and all report a good attendance.

I was accompanied on all my visits by some of the Kingston brethren, whose advice and support were of great assistance to me.

I regret to have to report the death of the following members of the Craft, who have passed away since the last report from this district: The Ancient St. John's, No. 3—Bros. H. Wade, John Bushell, Walter Hume, Wm. Burrows and J. McLaurin. Union Lodge, No. 9—Bros. J. H. Miles, C. McKay and J. Aylesworth. Cataraqui Lodge, No. 92—Bros. M. Campbell, A. E. Elmer, H. P. Driver, A. Haaz and F. Wirtz. Albion Lodge, No. 109—Bro. W. H. Reynolds. Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 119—Bro. R. R. Burleigh. Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 146—Bro. W. F. Miller. Simpson Lodge, No. 157—Bro. W. H. Freeland. Leeds Lodge, No. 201—Fred W. Strong. Victoria Lodge, No. 299—Bro. Noble McGill, Senior Warden.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

Simpson Lodge, No. 157, Newboro: Visited this lodge on Sept. 30th. On my arrival in Newboro I learned that the lodge had that day lost one of its members by death —Bro. W. H. Freeland—and after a consultation with the Worshipful Master it was decided to call off the banquet, which had been ordered, out of respect to the memory of the deceased brother. Bro. Freeland was the father of the Junior Warden, and related to another officer of Simpson Lodge. There was no work, so I requested the Worshipful Master to open and close in the three degrees, which was done in a correct and impressive manner, showing that the officers were well up in their work. This was not the regular meeting night, but it was held on this date by the kindness of W. Bro. Dier, to enable me to visit Newboro and Westport on succeeding nights, as both of these places are hard of access from Kingston. Simpson Lodge has three P. D. D. G. Masters on its roll, R. W. Bros. Preston, Lewis and Dargavel, all of whom were present. I was glad to see the Secretary's chair once more occupied by Bro. J. H. Butler, after a short interregnum. Bro. Butler has the unique record of twenty years' continuous service in the

office of Secretary, during which time he only missed three meetings. I returned to Newboro on Oct. 2nd and took part in the funeral service of the late Bro. Freeland.

Westport Lodge, No. 441, Westport: Visited this lodge on Oct. 1st. Was glad to note that V. W. Bro. Gorrell was still displaying the same energetic interest in matters Masonic as of yore, and that he is now giving the lodge the benefit of his ripe experience in the office of Secretary. The first degree was exemplifid by W. Bro. Butterill and his officers in good form. This is a good solid lodge and is making steady progress.

Victoria Lodge, No. 299, Centreville: Visited this lodge on Oct. 28th. The lodge room was well filled, all the lodges in that part of the district being well represented. The work on the summons was a passing, which W. Bro. Wagar and his officers exemplified in a manner above criticism. The candidate showed great proficiency in his examination. The office of Secretary is in good hands, with V. W. Bro. Cox as the incumbent. This lodge has a prosperous future before it. Victoria Lodge met with a severe loss in the death of a most promising officer, Bro. Noble McGill, the Senior Warden. I visited the lodge on May 7th, and assisted at his funeral.

Cataraqui Lodge, No. 92, Kingston: Visited this lodge on Oct. 8th. As is usual with Cataraqui Lodge, there was plenty of work, and W. Bro. Murch conferred the third degree on three candidates in an able manner. With R. W. Bros. Shaw and Jackson, and V. W. Bro. Smeaton among the regular attendants, and R. W. Bro. Hendry in the Secretary's chair, the Worshipful Master is assured of the best of assistance and support. A pleasant feature of the business of the evening was the presentation of an address and locket to Bro. Dunbar, who had occupied the Senior Warden's chair for two years. Bro. Dunbar was leaving Kingston and carried with him the best wishes of every member of the lodge. I also visited this lodge on Nov. 12th, when two candidates were passed to the second degree.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 228, Odessa: Visited this lodge on Nov. 1st. I found a marked improvement in the prospects of this lodge. There were three candidates ballotted for and one initiated. The work was done

by W. Bro. Sproule and his officers in a most satisfactory manner.

R. W. Bro. Longmore was present, taking his usual keen interest in lodge matters.

I was sorry to find the lodge meeting in a room which had never been dedicated, and which is occupied in common with other societies. Aside from this no fault can be found with this lodge.

The Ancient St. John's Lodge, No. 3, Kingston: Visited this lodge on Nov. 4th, when W. Bro. Givens conferred the third degree on one candidate in an impressive manner. This, the oldest lodge, is doing good work, and is a source of strength to the district. R. W. Bro. Macnee as Treasurer, and V. W. Bro. Burns as Secretary, are model officers.

Lodge of Instruction: On Nov. 26th a most successful Lodge of Instruction was held in Kingston. The capacity of the lodge room was taxed to its utmost, and every lodge in the district was represented. There were eight P. D. D. G. Masters present, and the first and third degrees were exemplified, the work being apportioned to all the lodges in the district outside the City of Kingston. The meeting was a most harmonious one and was, I believe, productive of much good. The only thing that occurred to mar the pleasure was the absence of the M. W. the Grand Master, who was taken ill while on his way to take part in the proceedings. I was instructed to forward to M. W. Bro. Macwatt, by telegraph, a unanimous resolution expressing regret at his absence, and conveying to him the sympathy of the meeting with him in his sickness. This was done.

Installation: On Dec. 27th, assisted by R. W. Bros. Nicolle and Jackson, I installed the officers of Cataraqui and Minden Lodges at a joint meeting of these lodges, called for that purpose.

Albion Lodge, No. 109, Harrowsmith: Visited this lodge on Jan. 21st. Owing to a terrific rain storm which rendered the roads almost impassable, the attendance was not as large as was expected, nor were any of the candidates on hand. The summons called for one initiation, one passing, and the raising of two, an ambitious programme for the first night of the new officers. However, the manner in which the opening and closing was done was convincing evidence of the ability of these

officers. The lodge room has been reorganized and refurnished, and a club room arranged beneath so that now Albion Lodge has most comfortable quarters. I visited this lodge again on May 16th and assisted at the funeral of Bro. W. H. Reynolds.

Union Lodge, No. 9, Napanee: Visited Napanee on Feb. 18th, and found a well filled lodge room. Many members were present from the nearby lodges. W. Bro. Walters conferred the third degree on a well prepared candidate, and the work, as well as the opening and closing, was done in an impressive manner. This lodge boasts of an orchestra composed of members of the lodge, which showed to good advantage while the fourth degree was on.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 119, Bath: Visited here on Feb. 21st. The meeting was well attended. The work of the first and third degrees was well exemplified by W. Bro. Tuckett and his officers. This lodge is doing well, and at the time of my visit was considering various plans for acquiring a lodge building of its own. Since then, I learn, they have bought, subject to a clear title, a building in a convenient location which will be converted into more suitable quarters than they occupy at present. V. W. Bro. Armstrong still continues his good work as Secretary.

Elysian Lodge, No. 212, Garden Island: After a wild drive across the ice we were glad of the warm welcome given us on the night of Feb. 26th by the seven members of Elysian Lodge, who had turned out to the meeting. It is only due to the enthusiasm of a few loyal Masons that this lodge continues to exist. Situated, as it is, on an island, with its constituency practically limited to an area of seventy-seven acres, there is not much of a future before it as far as an increase of members is concerned. Its members being almost all mariners, it is only at certain seasons that enough can be got together to hold a meeting. These facts, as well as the steady decrease of work on the island, show why a lodge once having eighty has now dwindled to twenty. What was lacking in numbers was made up in heartiness, and it is a great regret to me that the best efforts of those who have so long held the lodge together should be so circumscribed as to render their efforts futile.

Minden Lodge, No. 253, Kingston: My mother lodge was visited on March 1st. W. Bro. King conferred the second and third degrees in good form, but is not supported by his junior officers as he should be. Minden has made splendid progress during the past year and has an abundance of work ahead.

Leeds Lodge, No. 201, Gananoque: Visited this lodge on April 19th and found that what I had heard of the class of work done by it had not been overstated. W. Bro. Munro and his officers conferred the first and third degrees in a most correct and impressive manner. As long as this lodge is under the fatherly eyes of R. W. Bro. Fred Skinner and W. Bro. C. A. Watt, with V. W. Bro. Graham as Secretary, there is a positive assurance that all the work of the lodge will be exactly what it should be.

St. Andrew's Lodge, U. D., Arden: Visited Arden on April 21st. There was no work on the summons. This lodge started two years ago with eleven members, and now has twenty-one. But one member was initiated during the past year. It does not seem to me that the situation of this lodge justifies expectations of its ever being very strong. The country under its jurisdiction does not appear to have much material of Masonic calibre. The members are most enthusiastic, but are handicapped by location.

Lorne Lodge, No. 404, Tamworth: A drive of twenty-one miles from Arden on the morning of April 22nd brought us to Tamworth. Here we found one of the brightest lodges in the district, and how could it be anything else with such a Secretary? Masters may come and Masters may go, but so long as W. Bro. James Aylsworth occupies the Secretary's chair Lorne Lodge will surely be kept in the straight and narrow path. The candidate failing to attend, W. Bro. Archie Carscallen, at my request, exemplified the first degree. I was glad that I had made the request, for the manner in which the work was done left no room for criticism. This lodge owns a well located building lot on which it is hoped before long to erect a lodge building.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 146, Newburgh: Visited this lodge on May 18th, and was pleased to meet R. W. Bros. Aylsworth, Longmore and Carscallen, as well as many brethren from the neighboring lodges who had

braved a heavy rain storm to be present. This lodge has a most comfortable home in a building of its own, which was refitted and refurnished about a year ago. The work for the evening was a third degree which W. Bro. Ramsay and his officers conferred in perfect form. W. Bro. Fraser is doing good work as Secretary.

Rideau Lodge, No. 460, Seeley's Bay: Visited here on June 16th. This, the youngest chartered lodge in the district, has taken a new lease of life under W. Bro. G. Gardiner. It has now a membership of 64 and owns a building with a commodious, well-furnished lodge room above and a public hall on the ground floor. The property is worth over two thousand dollars, on which they owe six hundred. This debt could have been reduced during the past year but for expenditures made to improve the property. In spite of the absence of the Junior Warden, who, with two of the junior officers, has taken Horace Greely's advice and gone West, the work of conferring three second degrees was done in an exemplary manner. W. Bro. H. F. Gilbert is giving the lodge the benefit of his experience in the office of Secretary.

In conclusion, I wish to say that the past year has been one of great pleasure to me. I have renewed old friendships and made new ones, and I shall never forget the many pleasant hours spent with the brethren of the Fourteenth Masonic District. I hope that the profit and pleasure derived from these meetings has been beneficial to all.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. D. MINNES, D. D. G. M.,
Frontenac District No. 14.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Table shewing the work done in Frontenac District, No. 14, from June 24th, 1909, to June 24th, 1910

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Membership: Total No. of all Mem.	Membership: Increase during year	Membership: Decrease during year	Degre's Conf'rd: E. A.	Degre's Conf'rd: F. C.	Degre's Conf'rd: M. M.	Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions N P.D.	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased	Meet'gs held: Regular	Meet'gs held: Emergent	Meet'gs held: Total	Average atten'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. me'b'rs 12 m'ths in arr'rs	Total of all arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W.M. work all degrees	Insurance
3	An't St John	Kingston	182	1	..	10	11	10	2	1	4	3	..	5	11	4	15	30	138 00	11	91 00	Dec. 27, '09	v'y good	Bright	Yes	$867
9	Union	Napanee	140	3	..	8	9	6	..	1	3	0	..	3	14	6	20	35	313 00	39	161 98	Dec. 27, '09	v'y good	Bright	Yes	$700
92	Cataraqui	Kingston	210	8	..	8	7	7	4	..	2	2	..	5	12	2	14	40	185 00	13	98 00	Dec. 27, '09	v'y good	Bright	Yes	$1000
109	Albion	Harrowsmith	75	5	..	7	5	5	1	..	2	..	..	1	11	1	12	18	10 00	12	40 00	Jan. 22, '10	Good	Good	Yes	$700
119	Maple Leaf	Bath	70	5	..	6	6	5	1	..	1	..	..	1	12	2	14	16	5 00	11	46 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Bright	Yes	$300
146	Pr. of Wales	Newburgh	59	6	..	6	7	7	1	..	..	..	..	1	13	..	13	22	100 00	5	9 00	Jan. 20, '10	v'y good	Bright	Yes	$2500
157	Simpson	Newboro	75	5	..	4	3	3	1	1	..	..	..	1	14	2	16	20		25	61 06	June 24, '09	Good	Good	Yes	$400
201	Leeds	Gananoque	162	9	..	12	8	9	3	2	3	5	..	1	11	2	13	38		28	92 50	Dec. '09	Good	Good	Yes	$600
212	Elysian	Garden Island	17	..	6	1	1	1	..	..	2	5	..	..	3	4	7	8		3	6 00	Dec. 31, '09	Good	Fair	Yes	None
228	Pr. Arthur	Odessa	47	4	..	4	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	1	13	15	10 00	7	14 00	Jan. 28, '10	Good	Good	Yes	
253	Minden	Kingston	119	6	..	9	9	11	1	..	2	2	..	..	11	4	15	30	50 00	6	37 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	Yes
299	Victoria	Centreville	46	4	..	5	5	4	..	1	1	..	..	1	12	3	15	16	70 00	11	43 00	June 24, '10	Good	v'y good	Yes	$600
404	Lorne	Tamworth	72	..	..	3	4	6	1	..	4	..	..	..	11	6	17	20	25 00	10	42 00	June 24, '10	Good	Good	Yes	$200
441	Westport	Westport	54	2	..	4	3	3	..	..	2	..	..	..	13	..	13	20		..	44 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	A1	Yes	None
460	Rideau	Seeley's Bay	64	6	..	8	5	6	..	..	2	..	..	..	9	3	12	16		..		Jan. 20, '10	Good	Good	Yes	$1000
UD.	St Andrew's	Arden	22	3	..	3	4	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	2	13	9	3 00	1	9 00	Dec. 27, '09	Fair	Fair	Yes	None

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT No. 15

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

In presenting my report on the condition of Masonry in this district, I wish to thank my brethren for the honor conferred on me at the last communication of Grand Lodge in electing me to the highest office in their gift, and also to express my appreciation for the very hearty manner in which I have been received by the officers and brethren of the various lodges where it has been my duty and privilege to visit.

On assuming office I appointed Worshipful Brothers Dillane and Howard as District Secretary and Chaplain respectively, and I wish to express my thanks to them for their assistance and co-operation. I also addressed a circular letter to every W. M. in the district urging them to make a special effort to close up the balance due by their respective lodges to the S. C. B. F. (together with other matters of importance), and I have reason to hope that the Grand Lodge report will show that a majority of the lodges in this district have their obligations to this fund entirely discharged.

During the past year I have visited every lodge in the district, save two, viz., Lansdowne, No. 387, at Lansdowne, and St. James, No. 74, at South Augusta, and each visit was made on nights of regular meetings with the exception of Salem, No. 368, at Brockville, and Osiris, No. 489, at Smith's Falls, emergent meetings of said lodges having been called in order to hold joint meetings with sister lodges in same towns. By arranging to pay official visits at regular meetings where possible, I consider it is more satisfactory to the brethren generally, and at the same time it affords the D. D. G. M. a better opportunity of observing the character of the work done and drawing his conclusions, than where special meetings are called.

From my observations I feel that I can safely say that Masonry in this District is in a healthy condition,

with the exception of one or two instances, to which I may refer later. The lodges in most cases are well officered, and the work done (considering the circumstances in every case), I feel justified in saying is very creditable indeed; but if there is one thing more than another, speaking generally, in which we are deficient, it is in the impressiveness of the work. The necessity of overcoming this lack, I have, in every case, endeavored to emphasize.

On Friday, Oct. 1st, 1909, by command of the M. W. the Grand Master, I proceeded to Smith's Falls as his representative to constitute Osiris Lodge, No. 489. Grand Lodge was opened at 8:30 p.m. with the offices filled by brethren from various surrounding lodges. Immediately after the constitution ceremony the officers were installed and invested, and a short address given on their duties and responsibilities, after which Grand Lodge retired and closed at 11:30 p.m. A banquet was given afterwards to the visiting brethren, and a most enjoyable time spent for a couple of hours.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

On Tuesday, Feb. 22nd, I visited Merrickville Lodge, No. 55, Merrickville, accompanied by Bro. Guy, some 35 members being present. The lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees, and a first conferred in a faultless manner, the floor work being especially well done. The appointments are first-class in every respect, a first-class Secretary has charge of the books, the funds of the lodge are in a healthy shape, the S. C. B. F. promises to take on new life, and everything wears an air of prosperity.

Monday, March 11th, I visited True Britons Lodge, No. 14, Perth, a very goodly number being present. The work of the evening was raising two candidates to the sublime degree of a M. M., which was exceedingly well done, every officer doing his part in a faultless manner. The lodge room is well furnished, and an efficient Secretary has charge of the books. The attendance in general is not as large as one might expect from a town the size of Perth, and I should have been pleased to have been able to report more zeal and enthusiasm in their efforts to discharge their obligations in regard to the S. C. B. F.

Monday, March 21st, I visited Macoy Lodge, No. 242, Mallorytown, where a first and a third were conferred. The work was fairly well done, considering the opportunities the officers have had for practice. A pleasing feature of the evening was a visit from the Gananoque brethren, including W. Bro. Munroe, who, with others, assisted very materially in the work of the first. Bro. R. H. McAlpin is a most painstaking and efficient Secretary, and has his books in excellent shape. During the past year the brethren of this lodge have expended several hundred dollars in refitting and furnishings, which gives a neat and cheerful appearance to their room—a much-needed improvement, I understand.

Tuesday, March 22nd, I visited Lyn Lodge, No. 416, Lyn. The W. M. was unavoidably absent, and his duties were ably discharged by W. Bro. Brown, I.P.M. There was no work. The lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees in a creditable manner. The lodge room is small but very cheerful and well kept, and the books are in fairly good hands, scarcely enough attention being given to collecting dues. A number of the Brockville brethren drove over and a very pleasant and entertaining evening was spent after closing, in the exemplification of the 4th degree.

Harmony Lodge, No. 370, Delta, received me officially, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Dewey, of Brockville, on the evening of Wednesday, March 23rd. The work was a first, and was very well done. This is one of the best furnished country lodges in the district, the finances are in good shape, the books are fairly well kept, and the lodge generally is prosperous. R. W. Bro. Dewey and myself made strong appeals on behalf of the S. C. B. F., and I trust that ere long this obligation will be faced and discharged by the brethren of this lodge to their credit and the honor of the district.

On the following evening, March 24th, Rising Sun Lodge, No. 85, Athens, was visited by me, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Geiger, who gave me timely and effective assistance in presenting the claims of the S. C. B. F. I am glad to report that this lodge now promises to have its obligations to this worthy object discharged in the near future. On account of illness the prospective candidate for the evening did not materialize, but the opening and closing in the several degrees was well done.

The brethren of this lodge have a good room well furnished, and a very efficient Secretary, and the prospects for the future are bright.

I visited Central Lodge, No. 110, Prescott, on Tuesday, April the 4th, accompanied by W. Bros. Conn and Bustard, of Mount Zion Lodge, No. 28. A fairly good attendance was present. The work for the evening was a first, which was well done, the lecture in the South especially deserving favorable mention. This lodge room is one of the best in the district, but I would like to see the average attendance larger. The financial standing is first-class, and the obligation to the S. C. B. F. is entirely discharged. R. W. Bro. Graham makes a splendid Secretary, who takes a deep interest in the welfare of his own lodge without losing any of the wider interest he has for so many years taken in the whole district and Craft generally.

I made my official visit to Mount Zion Lodge, No. 28, Kemptville, on Friday, April the 29th, when a first was conferred in a very creditable manner. Owing to unfavorable weather the attendance was not as large as it would otherwise have been. During the past year this lodge has changed its quarters and now occupies a room second to none in the district, the furnishings costing several hundred dollars. Increase in membership is very gratifying, and prospects for the future were never brighter in this lodge's history. A long step has been made towards closing out the balance due the S. C. B. F., and I feel sure the year 1911 will see this obligation entirely discharged.

On Tuesday, April 19th, a joint emergency meeting was held by St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, and Osiris Lodge, No. 489, Smith's Falls, to receive me on my official visit, which was one of the most enthusiastic and largely attended meetings I have had the pleasure of visiting, brethren from Carleton Place, Perth, and various other lodges being present. The work for the evening was a first, each lodge taking a part, and was excellently done, as might be expected in this Masonic stronghold. I am glad to report that the best of good feeling exists between these sister lodges. They are both well officered, and have most efficient Secretaries, their obligations to the S. C. B. F. have been discharged long since, and the future looks very bright for Masonry in this flourishing town.

On Monday, May 9th, a joint meeting was held by Sussex Lodge, No. 5, and Salem Lodge, No. 368, Brockville, it being the regular meeting of the latter. The work was a first and was participated in by both lodges in a manner that reflects credit on their respective officers. A very large number of Masons was present, and I was received in a most enthusiastic manner. In this, as in every other place where necessary, the S. C. B. F. has been kept well to the front, and it is gratifying to know that one of these lodges has now discharged its obligation to this fund, and the other, I feel certain, will be a very close second. The Secretaries in each case are P. D. D. G. M.'s of this district, and it goes without saying that the respective lodges have made no mistake in their selection. Both lodges occupy the same quarters, which are the largest and best equipped in the district. The finances of each are in good condition, and a bright future lies before them.

On Wednesday, May 18th, I drove 25 miles to visit Crystal Fountain Lodge, No. 389, North Augusta. This lodge was summoned to meet at 7:30 p.m., and I was there promptly on time. After waiting an hour and a half a sufficient number of brethren turned up to open, notwithstanding the fact that a number of the members were not far distant. There was no work, nor has there been for some time, and as a consequence officers are rusty and things unsatisfactory generally. There seems no good reason why this state of affairs should exist, as there are lodges in much smaller places united and prosperous. This condition of things has now prevailed for some time without any visible signs of improvement, and if it continues it is bound finally to be the means of breaking up the lodge altogether, notwithstanding the fact that in the past this lodge has done good work, and their present financial standing is good. I would like to see these brethren either cold or hot, and if hot, bury their petty differences in a Masonic manner and rise to the rank they should occupy in this district.

I was booked to visit Lansdowne Lodge, No. 387, at Lansdowne, on Thursday, May 19th, but on account of our late King's death a civic appointment at home had to be honored, and R. W. Bro. Dewey, of Brockville, very kindly took this appointment. He reports two "thirds" conferred at this meeting in a most exemplary

manner, the attendance being good. The Secretary is a good officer and prospects are bright. This lodge is on record to close up at an early date the balance due by them to the S. C. B. F.

Monday, May 23rd, was set for my official visit to St. James Lodge, No. 74, South Augusta, but domestic matters prevented me from filling this engagement, and I was obliged to ask R. W. Bro. Geiger to take my place, which he very willingly consented to do, and his report of this lodge is very encouraging. There were 34 members present, including visitors, notwithstanding the fact that the evening was most disagreeable. There was no work on account of the candidate for the 3rd degree not putting in an appearance, but the lodge was opened and closed in a very satisfactory manner. The books are well kept, and the balance due the S. C. B. F. is closed out. The financial standing of the lodge is good and prospects are bright for the future.

There are two lodges in the district not dedicated, viz.: St. James, No. 74, South Augusta, and Mount Zion, No. 28, Kemptville. The former has been used for Masonic purposes only for some years; the latter has been occupied only since the first of June.

The following deaths have been reported to me during the year: Bro. J. P. Redmond, Monday, Jan. 7, age 73. Deceased was a charter member of Lansdowne Lodge, No. 387, and a very highly respected citizen. W. Bro. John Chapman, Friday, April 8, aged 70. Deceased was a charter member of Crystal Fountain Lodge, No. 389, North Augusta. W. Bro. Dr. G. E. Hanna, Sept. 8, 1909, age 58. Deceased was a prominent member of Mount Zion Lodge, No. 28.

I have had many invitations during the year to attend Masonic "At Homes," banquets, excursions, and the like, but owing to demands on my time of both a public and a private nature, I have found it quite impossible to accept many of them. At the same time I wish to thank my brethren for their thoughtful kindness in extending to me those courtesies.

I have in this report omitted, to a great extent, the singling out of brethren for individual mention, but I should be remiss in my duty and gratitude if I failed to refer to the generous assistance and advice which were ever at my disposal by R. W. Bros. Dewey, Geiger, Magee and Watchorn, P.D.D.G.Ms. of this district.

In surrendering the responsibility placed upon me one year ago, I wish to say that I have endeavored to keep in view three things, viz.:—

(1) The necessity of uniformity of work throughout the district.

(2) The urgency of closing up the balance due the S. C. B. F.

(3) The advancement of the best interests of the Craft generally. I trust that the several lodges have been in some slight degree benefitted by my incumbency, but if I have failed to measure up to the standard expected of me, I can only say that I did my best, and my short-comings must be attributed to my inability to carry out my original idea.

Fraternally submitted,

A. LANGSTAFF, D. D. G. M.,
St. Lawrence District No. 15.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table showing the work done in St. Lawrence District, No. 15, from June 24th, 1909, to June 24th, 1910

Number of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Membership: Total No. of all Mem.	Membership: Increase during year	Membership: Decrease during year	Degre's Conf'd: E. A.	Degre's Conf'd: F. C.	Degre's Conf'd: M. M.	Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N.P.D.	Suspensions other causes	Deceased	Meet'gs held: Regular	Meet'gs held: Emergent	Meet'gs held: Total	Average atten'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. me'b'rs 12 m'ths in arr'rs	Total of all arrearages	Date of last G. L. return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W.M. work all degrees	Insurance
5	Sussex	Brockville	253	5	..	8	9	8	2	1	5	1	..	12	6	18	..	250 00	30	114 00	Dec. 27, '09	Excel'nt	Excel'nt	Yes	truste's
24	St. Francis	Smith's Falls	145	9	9	8	7	8	1	..	3	5	..	1	13	6	19	34	198 55	..		Dec. 28, '09	Good	Excel'nt	Yes	$500
28	Mount Zion	Kemptville	66	9	..	9	5	7	1	..	..	..	..	1	13	8	21	18		13	59 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Excel'nt	Yes	$700
55	Merrickville	Merrickville	95	2	..	2	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	2	11	1	12	17	5 00	18	47 75	Dec. 27, '09	Fair	Fair	Yes	$150
110	Central	Prescott	122	..	3	7	8	9	2	..	2	4	..	..	11	1	12	25	85 00	41	110 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Brisk	Yes	$750
242	Macoy	Mallorytown	89	2	1	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	14	1	15	26		5	17 50	June 28, '10	Good	Good	Yes	$1300
387	Lansdowne	Lansdowne	50	..	4	6	7	7	..	1	..	2	..	1	11	5	16	17		8	22 50	Jan. 7, '10	Good	Good	Yes	$200
489	Osiris	Smith's Falls	48	6	..	4	8	6	2	..	..	..	..	..	11	4	15	20		4	20 00	Feb. 2, '10	Good	Excel'nt	Yes	$200
416	Lyn	Lyn	45	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	8	1	9	10		12	65 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Fair	Yes	$350
14	True Britons	Perth	120	4	..	4	6	5	..	1	..	..	..	1	11	6	17	26	25 00	22	77 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	$700
368	Salem	Brockville	184	16	8	12	13	10	2	2	5	1	..	2	12	6	18	..	120 20	18	212 50	June 24, '10	Good	Excel'nt	Yes	$2500
370	Harmony	Delta	19	5	4	4	4	2	1	..	1	1	..	2	10	1	11	12	10 00	5	15 00	June 24, '10	Good	Fair	Yes	$1800
85	Rising Sun	Athens	74	3	..	3	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	9	1	10	15		12	100 00	June 24, '10	Good	Fair	Yes	$300
74	St. James'	South Augusta	73	1	1	1	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	12	25	50 00	21	62 50	Jan. 24, '10	Good	Good	Yes	$800
389	Cr. Fountain	North Augusta	44	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	12	..	12	7	35 00	5	12 00	Jan. 1, '10	Good	v'y poor	Yes	$1200

OTTAWA DISTRICT No. 16

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to present the following report on the condition of Masonry in the 16th Masonic District:

I desire first to express my thanks to the brethren of the Ottawa District for the confidence reposed in me, in conferring the honor of electing me to the distinguished office of D. D. G. M., and also to express my thanks to the many P.D.D.G.Ms., P. Ms. and W. Ms. of the various lodges who kindly accompanied me in my visits to the different lodges.

Regarding the state of Masonry in Ottawa District, I am glad to report that it is in a very satisfactory condition. In nearly all the lodges I have been impressed with the uniformity of the work done, which, I believe, bears ample testimony to the faithful work done by the D.D.G.Ms. who have preceded me in office, as well as the good judgment of the brethren in selecting enthusiastic and capable officers. I regret, however, to state that some of the W. Ms., though capable of conferring the work, have not made themselves acquainted with the constitution, which I consider is equally essential, for had they done so many of the questions and rulings asked for would have been unnecessary.

The Secretaries of the various lodges are to be complimented on the efficient manner in which the lodge records and accounts are kept, yet I also regret to state that in replying to communications from D. D. G. M. they could be more prompt, while in cases of suspensions and restorations, which should be reported to the D. D. G. M., only one Secretary in the District has so reported, and yet many have occurred. It would not be amiss if the Secretaries would study Section 219 of the Constitution.

My first official act was the issuing of a circular letter to the lodges in the district and appointing W. Bro. Rev.

D. C. McIntosh, of Evergreen Lodge, No. 209, Lanark, as District Chaplain, and W. Bro. G. H. Findlay, of St. John's Lodge, No. 63, Carleton Place, as District Secretary.

I next issued a circular to the various lodges who were still in arrears to the S. C. B. Fund, requesting that a special effort be made to pay the balance, and in my visits to these lodges urged the necessity of contributing the amounts unpaid, and while something has been done, yet I am disappointed that more was not contributed, as I was led to believe that with the exception of one or two lodges, the amount would be subscribed.

Two of the lodges in the district, Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte, in September, 1909, and St. John's Lodge, No. 63, Carleton Place, in May, 1910, were unfortunate in losing their lodge rooms and contents by fire, yet I am proud to say that, considering the distressing circumstances, there has been no lack of enthusiasm, and that each and every member of both lodges is making every effort to have their lodge back to that state which has always been an example to other lodges in the district.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

Evergreen Lodge, No. 209, Lanark: My first official visit was to this lodge on 6th of October. This lodge is still having a hard time owing to a scattered membership, but prospects are brightening and I feel sure that in a short time Evergreen Lodge will again be strong and flourishing. W. Bro. Rathwell is fairly well skilled in the work. There being no candidate, the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and the F. C. degree exemplified on one of the brethren in a satisfactory manner. I addressed the brethren on the S. C. B. Fund and had the pleasure of having a subscription commenced to this worthy fund.

St. John's Lodge, No. 63, Carleton Place: This is my mother lodge, and as I have been present at most of the meetings, I can vouch for the standard of the work. I made my official visit on October 8th, when the W. M., W. B. Moore, and his officers, exemplified the E. A. and M. M. degrees in a very efficient manner. On May 18th, 1910, the lodge room and contents were destroyed by fire, nothing being saved except the warrant and lodge

records, the latter extending back to the year 1842, when the lodge was instituted. The brethren are not cast down by their loss, but have commenced raising subscriptions, with which, together with insurance, a new, large and much improved hall is to be erected on the main street of the town in the near future.

Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264, Ottawa: My visit to this lodge on October 26th was my first official visit to a lodge in the City of Ottawa. I was accompanied by a large delegation, the lodge room was crowded with members of the Craft, and I was most enthusiastically welcomed by the W. M., W. Bro. Saunders. The work presented was the M. M. degree, and the W. M. and officers exemplified the work in a most satisfactory manner. A banquet concluded a most enjoyable evening.

Renfrew Lodge, No. 122, Renfrew: I made my official visit to this lodge Nov. 1st, and was cordially received by the W. M., R. W. Bro. Barr. This being the semi-centennial of this lodge, the brethren had elected R. W. Bro. Barr, one of their oldest members, and a most zealous worker in the lodge for many years, the members feeling that it would be an honor to the lodge to have him preside over them during this year. Two F. C. degrees were presented by R. W. Bro. Barr, assisted by W. Bro. Dickson, in a very pleasing and impressive manner. The work of the junior officers was excellent, especially that of the S. D. After the close of the lodge an enjoyable supper was spread in the lodge room, to which full justice was done by the brethren. The semi-centennial of this lodge was held on December 23rd, and was fittingly celebrated, but, unfortunately, I was not able to be present.

Fidelity Lodge, No. 231, Ottawa: I visited this lodge on Nov. 16th, accompanied by a large number of Past Grand Officers, Past Masters and Worshipful Masters of the other city lodges. My reception by the W. M., W. Bro. Cobban, was most kind and cordial. An exceedingly large and attentive assemblage of the brethren testified to the enthusiasm of the members of the lodge. The work was the E. A. degree, and was rendered in a most efficient manner. The officers did their work well and in a manner beyond adverse criticism. The banquet which followed was of a most interesting character, addresses Masonic and patriotic being delivered by distinguished guests.

The Builders, No. 177, Ottawa: My official visit to this lodge on December 10th was a most enjoyable event. The spacious lodge room was again filled and my reception by the W. M., W. Bro. Oliver, was, to say the least, flattering. The work presented was an E. A. degree and was done by the W. M. and officers in a highly satisfactory manner. The work of the officers throughout was thorough and showed much careful preparation. An elaborate and enjoyable banquet completed a happy evening.

Madawaska Lodge, No. 196, Arnprior: I visited this lodge Dec. 13th, and although the evening was very stormy, found the lodge room well filled. The W. M., W. Bro. Lloyd, though suffering from a heavy cold, presented an E. A. degree in a creditable manner. After the lodge closed a banquet was held, which all the brethren enjoyed.

Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52, Ottawa: Accompanied by a large deputation, I visited this lodge January 4th. My reception by W. Bro. Hill was very fraternal. The lodge room was crowded with members of the Craft. The work presented by the W. M., assisted by W. Bros. Scott and McCleery, was three E. A. degrees, and was exemplified in a very efficient manner. All the officers are well up in their work, the lecture and the charge being well delivered and the floor work particularly good. Many distinguished brethren attended the festivities which followed. I again visited this Lodge on the evening of February 9th, and had the honor of presiding over the meeting, which was a reception and presentation to the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, given by the seven lodges of Ottawa under the auspices of Dalhousie lodge, No. 52. The lodge room was crowded, and many of the brethren were unable to find seats in the lodge room. After the reception of the Grand Master, who was accompanied by the late M. W. Bro. Col. A. A. Stevenson, M. W. Bro. Senator Gibson, M. W. Bro. T. B. Flint, M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, W. Bro. Hon. A. B. Aylesworth, and others, R. W. Bro. S. A. Luke, in his usual able and eloquent manner on behalf of the Ottawa brethren, presented the Grand Master with a handsome jewel as a souvenir of the occasion and a token of appreciation by the local lodges. After the Grand Master had made an apt reply, an informal re-

ception was held by the Grand Master, the lodge was closed and the concourse adjourned to the Russell House, where an elaborate banquet was spread and many eloquent speeches delivered.

Cobden Lodge, No. 459, Cobden: I paid my official visit to this lodge January 11th. The meeting was held in the afternoon, there being a large attendance of the brethren. After my reception by the W. M., the lodge was opened in the three degrees and the M. M. degree conferred upon a candidate by W. Bro. McLaren in a thoroughly workmanlike manner, entirely satisfactory to me, notwithstanding the fact that this was the first time he had attempted the degree, being the first meeting after installation. In the evening an At Home was given, attended by brethren and their wives, at which an enjoyable time was passed.

Prince of Wales, No. 371, Ottawa: My official visit to this lodge was paid on January 28th. The lodge room was well filled and the brethren attentive and interested. The opening and closing of the lodge in the three degrees and conferring the M. M. degree was as near perfect as possible. The impressive manner in which W. Bro. Cowan did his work was a pleasure to listen to. The usual banquet was eliminated, and I congratulated the lodge, too much stress in many of the lodges being placed upon the banquet instead of the work.

Russell Lodge, No. 479, Russell: I visited this lodge on January 31st. This lodge has only been instituted a couple of years and the membership is increasing rapidly, and the manner in which the work was exemplified in the opening and closing of the lodge and conferring the M. M. degree by W. Bro. Proudfoot and his officers was deserving of praise, and though not perfect, yet I feel assured that in a short time the work will attain the high standard reached in Ottawa district. This lodge, instituted since S. C. B. Fund was started, had not contributed to this fund. Yet I am pleased to report that after explaining the object of the fund to the brethren present, the sum of $19.00 was collected at the meeting. Assisted by R. W. Bro. Northwood, W. Bros. Coutlee and Sitwell, of Ottawa, I installed and invested the officers, and after lodge was closed the evening concluded with a banquet.

Civil Service Lodge, No. 148, Ottawa: This lodge was visited officially on 8th of March. The W. M., W. Bro. Sitwell, is a thorough workman, and although suffering from nervousness, acquitted himself in a creditable manner. The work presented was an M. M. degree, and was well done. The work of the Wardens and other officers being exceptionally well rendered and the ceremony was elaborated in a very beautiful and impressive way by the choir, which is an outstanding feature of the work of this lodge. At the close of the lodge a banquet was held, where a most enjoyable time was spent.

Doric Lodge, No. 58, Ottawa: I visited this lodge on April 1st, this being my seventh and last visit to the lodges in the City of Ottawa. After my reception by the W. M., W. Bro. Lough, which was a most cordial one, I addressed the lodge. I informed them that as it was my seventh and last visit to lodges in Ottawa, I would expect perfect work, and the manner in which the W. M. and officers, ably assisted by the choir, conferred the E. A. degree upon the condidate, was so impressive that it left no doubt in my mind that the work was above criticism.

Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, Pembroke: My official visit was made to this lodge on April 7th. The opening and closing of the lodge in the three degrees, and conferring the M. M. degree, proved that W. Bro. Miller and his officers, ably assisted by the choir, were well skilled in the work, it being done in a highly satisfactory manner The meeting closed with a banquet.

Bonnechere Lodge, No. 433, Eganville: I visited this lodge officially on April 11th. Owing to poor train service I was unable to be present at the opening, the E. A. degree having been conferred before my arrival. The W. M., W. Bro. Needham, presented for inspection a F. C. degree, which he exemplified in an intelligent and impressive manner, but the work of the junior officers was poorly done. The W. M. deserves praise for his enthusiasm in Masonry, as he travels over 40 miles to be in attendance, and is always present, putting to shame the brethren in the village who stay away from lodge meetings. A very enjoyable banquet was served at the close of the proceedings.

Carleton Lodge, No. 465, Carp: On my official visit to this lodge, April 22nd, I found a very small attend-

ance of the brethren, and there being no work, the W. M., W. Bro. Groves, opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees in a very efficient manner, though the work of the S. W. was far from being perfect. I impressed strongly upon the members the necessity of paying the balance due S. C. B. Fund, but I regret that my appeal produced no result.

Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte: This lodge was unfortunate in losing all its furniture and regalia by fire in September, 1909, but the brethren are not cast down by the disaster. After meeting for some time in the I. O. O. F. hall, they secured a new hall which they have furnished in a handsome manner, and on May 6th I paid my official visit and had an M. M. degree presented for inspection by W. Bro. Washburn. Though recovering from illness, he conferred the degree in his usual able manner. At this meeting W. Bro. Shane, on behalf of seven Ottawa lodges, presented the lodge with a handsome set of working tools and the V. O. S. L.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 476, North Gower: I visited this lodge May 20th, and found a good attendance of the brethren. As no work has been done by the officers this term, I requested the W. M., W. Bro. Hicks, to open and close the lodge in the three degrees, and exemplify the E. A. degree, which was done. The extreme nervousness of the W. M. prevented him from doing work well, but showed that both he and his officers were acquainted with the work, but somewhat rusty for want of practice. I addressed the lodge on the S. C. B. Fund, as the lodge had not contributed anything to this fund, being instituted since the fund was started. I had the pleasure of seeing brethren contribute $21.00 towards the fund.

Goodwood Lodge, No. 159, Richmond: The night of my visit being May 24th, the attendance was poor, owing to the many counter attractions. In the absence of the candidate, W. Bro. Bradley and his officers exemplified the M. M. degree in a satisfactory manner. An enjoyable banquet concluded the evening.

Lodges to be Dedicated: Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte, and St. John's, No. 63, Carleton Place, when new hall is built.

During the year the following deaths were reported: The Builders Lodge, No. 177, Ottawa, Bro. W. N.

Barry, M. M. Madawaska Lodge, No. 196, Arnprior, R. W. Bro. A. Cranston, W. Bro. B. V. Stafford, Bro. W. G. Robertson, M. M., Bro. D McCuan, M. M. Evergreen Lodge, No. 209, Lanark, Bro. Wm. McKinley, M. M.

Suspensions: Dalhousie, No. 52, Ottawa, Bro. J. Mannus, M. M., and Bro. W. J. Usher, M. M.

Restorations: Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52, Ottawa, Bros. G. W. Smith and J. B. Hall.

In conclusion, permit me to say that throughout my term of office and during my official visits, my reception has been most generous and fraternal, and I wish to express very shortly, but warmly, my thanks for, and great appreciation of, the many kindnesses and courtesies extended to me by the brethren throughout the district during my term of office.

Fraternally submitted,

D. H. McINTOSH, D. D. G. M.,
Ottawa District No. 16.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Table shewing the work done in Ottawa District No. 16 from June 24th, 1909, to June 24th. 1910

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Membership: Total No of all Mem.	Membership: Increase during year	Membership: Decrease during year	Degree's Conf'rd: E. A.	Degree's Conf'rd: F. C.	Degree's Conf'rd: M. M.	Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N P D.	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased	Meet'gs held: Regular	Meet'gs held: Emergent	Meet'gs held: Total	Average atten'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. me'b'rs 12 m'ths in arr'rs	Total of all arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance
52	Dalhousie ...	Ottawa	290	23	7	18	26	22	2	3	5	2	..	..	11	8	19	45	180 00	30	306 40	June 24, '09	Excel'nt	Good	Yes	H. com.
58	Doric	Ottawa	183	5	..	9	6	8	1	..	5	..	..	..	10	2	12	29	98 07	17	326 03	Dec. 31, '09	Good	Good	Yes	$80
63	St. John's ..	Carleton Place..	159	5	4	4	4	3	1	..	4	..	..	..	11	1	12	20	85 00	15	150 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	None
122	Renfrew	Renfrew	124	5	..	6	7	6	5	2	2	5	..	1	13	6	19	24	26 44	12	59 50	Dec. 27, '09	Good	splendid	Yes	$800
128	Pembroke ...	Pembroke	157	6	..	6	7	6	1	..	..	1	..	1	11	2	13	26		38	189 51	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	$1085
147	Mississippi ..	Almonte	89	5	2	4	4	4	1	..	2	..	..	..	10	..	10	22	35 00	16	139 75	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	$600
148	Civil Service	Ottawa	175	12	2	5	4	7	7	..	..	..	..	1	10	4	14	32	45 00	8	153 00	Jan. 13, 10	Good	Good	Yes	$150
159	Goodwood ...	Richmond	69	1	..	4	5	7	..	..	2	..	..	1	13	..	13	18	10 00	21	187 25	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	$600
177	The Builders.	Ottawa	219	16	17	11	13	16	4	1	2	9	..	6	10	8	18	52	128 00	22	140 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	H. com.
196	Madawaska .	Arnprior	115	6	..	8	3	3	3	2	3	..	..	4	11	6	17	18		16	64 25	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	$1000
209	Evergreen ..	Lanark	46	3	4	3	3	4	..	..	..	5	..	2	11	1	12	12	5 00	14		June 24, '09	n't good	Fair	Yes	$200
231	Fidelity	Ottawa	231	27	..	27	27	22	3	1	2	2	..	1	10	10	20	38	137 68	6	195 85	June 24, '09	splendid	Bright	Yes	H. com.
264	Chaudiere ...	Ottawa	214	20	5	19	18	15	1	..	1	..	..	4	10	8	18	36	117 87	34	339 17	June 22, '09	Good	Good	Yes	H. com.
371	Pr. of Wales.	Ottawa	144	11	4	11	9	8	2	..	2	3	..	1	10	4	14	37	70 00	14	160 00	Dec. 29, '09	O. K.	1st class	Yes	$50
433	Bonnechere .	Eganville	62	4	3	4	6	6	.....	..	2	1	..	..	10	..	10	14		17	59 00	Dec. '09	Good	Good	Yes	$350
459	Cobden	Cobden	62	6	2	6	5	6	..	..	..	3	..	..	12	2	14	19		11	36 00	Dec. '09	Fair	Fair	Yes	$500
465	Carlton.....	Carp	52	..	3	..	2	3	..	..	4	..	..	..	9	1	10	15		3	9 C0	Dec. 27, '09	Fair	Good	Yes	$1000
476	Corinthian ..	North Gower ...	58	1	5	1	1	1	..	..	2	3	..	..	14	2	16	19	26 00	5	21 10	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	$500
479	Russell	Russell	62	15	..	15	12	11	1	..	2	3	..	..	12	4	16	19	40 00	..	.....	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	$300

ALGOMA DISTRICT No. 17

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

It is with much pleasure that I present my report upon the condition of Masonry in the Algoma District No. 17 for the past year, and at the same time I desire to express my thanks to the Brethren of the district for electing me to the high position of D. D. G. M., an honor which came to me unexpectedly, more particularly on account of my absence from the communication of Grand Lodge at which my election was held.

I was installed into office on the 3rd of September in Keewatin Lodge, No. 417, by R. W. Bro. Judge Chapple, assisted by W. Bros. Smith, McLeod and McCall. I appointed W. Bro. Smith, of Pequonga Lodge, No. 414, Kenora, District Secretary, and Bro. the Rev. R. Nairn, of the same lodge, District Chaplain. The wide extent of Algoma District, and the difficulty of making proper train connections, prevented me from visiting three of the lodges on their regular night of meeting, and the cheerfulness with which these lodges complied with my request to call emergent meetings for my official visit, was a source of great pleasure to me.

During my term of office I visited each of the nine lodges in my district once, and found that the work throughout the district is remarkably uniform, and all the lodges have been properly dedicated. Masonry in general is progressing favorably. All the lodges in the district show an increase in membership, the officers in the various lodges I found well skilled and efficient, and altogether the interest taken in the work is commendable, and ensures the good government of the lodges for years to come.

Eight of the lodges deposit their funds in chartered banks, either in the name of the lodge or trustees elected annually. One lodge uses a private bank.

The funds of each lodge are "chequed" out by the Treasurer only, on orders signed by the Worshipful Master and the Secretary of the different lodges.

The district as a whole has done fairly well by the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund. There is a balance of only $329.00 due the Grand Lodge, which I have every reason to believe will be paid during my successor's term of office.

I regret that I was unable to hold a Lodge of Instruction during my term of office, but have the assurance that one will be held during the coming year.

I have received amendments to By-Laws from Pequonga Lodge, No. 414, and Lake of the Woods Lodge, No. 461, of Kenora, also Granite Lodge, No. 446, of Fort Frances, all of which were forwarded to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and duly approved and of the lodge are in a very satisfactory condition, and the prospects most encouraging. After the lodge closed the attested.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master dedicated the hall of the brethren at Fort William Lodge, No. 415, at the City of Fort William, August the 30th, 1909. He also dedicated the rooms of the Granite Lodge, No. 446, Fort Frances, on Tuesday, August 31st, 1909. Owing to business engagements, I was unable to attend either of these functions.

The following deaths have been reported to me during the year: W. Bro. J. A. Warren and W. A. Walker, Pequonga Lodge, No. 414. Bro. Warren was a P. M. of Keewatin Lodge, being the first Master of this lodge. Bro. J. J. Fraser, of Fort William Lodge, No. 415, who was killed in the great snowslide at Revelstoke, March 7th, 1910.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

My first official visit was made to Pequonga Lodge, No. 414, Kenora, on the night of their regular meeting on April 6th. I found the lodge well filled with enthusiastic members and visitors, who gave me a royal reception. The third degree was exemplified on a perfectly instructed Fellowcraft, in a very finished manner, by the W. M., Bro. Jas. Grosse, assisted by W. Bro. G. W. Smith and officers. Bro. Carpenter materially assisted in the musical portion, which greatly added to the beauty and impressiveness of the ceremony. I took occasion to congratulate the officers on the correctness of their work. I thoroughly examined the minute book, ledgers and

register, and found them well kept, in good order, and with a substantial cash balance to their credit. This lodge has contributed more than its quota to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, which shews that the teachings of Masonry are not forgotten by the brethren. At the close of the lodge a delightful lunch was served. W. Bro. D. Currie acted as toast master, and good sound speeches were given by the officers and some of the visiting brethren, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. I had the pleasure of installing the officers of this lodge for the ensuing year on June 24th.

Golden Star Lodge, No. 484, Dryden, Ont.: I visited this, the youngest lodge in the district, on April 12th, their regular night of meeting. I was introduced to the lodge by the R. W. Bro. Judge Chapple, P. D. D. G. M., and was received in a most fraternal manner. They have a splendid room, commodious, nicely furnished and well equipped, which is leased for a term of five years. The first degree was conferred on two different candidates in a very creditable manner. The W. M., W. Bro. Quibell, puts a depth of feeling into his work which I have seldom seen equalled. Much regret was felt at the absence of the S. W., Bro. Rev. A. Bruce, on account of the death of his daughter. The Junior Warden was also unable to be present on account of business engagements. W. Bro. Quibell is a painstaking officer, and under his direction the lodge is doing good work. They have induced a large number of unafiliated Masons to come in this lodge. This lodge was not organized at the inception of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, but they fully realize their obligation to the Grand Lodge in this matter, and voted seventy-nine dollars ($79) as one-third of their contribution. The Secretary's books are correctly and neatly kept, the finances of the lodge are in a very satisfactory condition, and the prospects most encouraging. After the lodge closed the members met around the banquet table and indulged in toasts, songs, speeches and recitations.

My next official visit was to the joint meeting of Fort William Lodge, No. 415, and Royal Lodge, No. 453, both of the City of Fort William, on April 13th. I most heartily thank the brethren of both these lodges for the courtesy shown me in calling this joint meeting, which was one of the most successful and enjoyable Masonic

gatherings I have ever had the pleasure of attending. I was met at the station, was conveyed to the hotel, and my expenses were paid by the brethren of Fort William lodges. There was a large attendance of the members of both lodges. The third degree was exemplified in a very satisfactory manner by W. Bro. E. E. Wood, W. M. of Fort William Lodge, and W. Bro. Wells, who occupied the chair of Royal Lodge in the absence of W. Bro. Sutherland, the Worshipful Master, the officers of each lodge assisting the Worshipful Master in the part of the degree they were working. Appropriate music was rendered by a good choir which greatly added to the impressiveness of the ceremony. The Past Masters take a great interest in their lodges, and are sure to keep them up to their present state of efficiency. The books are correctly and neatly kept, the dues well looked after, and altogether I consider the prospects of Fort William and Royal Lodges excellent. After the lodge closed we had a very enjoyable banquet. I regret that on account of personal business I was obliged to leave on the train that evening. I am indebted to R. W. Bro. Perry and W. Bros. Wood and Wells for showing me the places of interest in the afternoon. I was pleased and delighted with my visit, which will be long remembered by me.

Ionic Lodge, No. 461, Rainy River, was visited April the 18th, at an emergent meeting. I had the pleasure of being introduced to the lodge by R. W. Bro. Robertson, P. D. D. G. M., and was cordially welcomed by the W. M. There being no work the lodge was opened and closed in three degrees by W. Bro. Gorham, the W. M. and his Wardens, in a very creditable manner. The lodge room is one of the handsomest and best furnished in the district. This lodge is in a very prosperous condition, and has a set of very enthusiastic Past Masters, and good feeling prevails among the members. W. Bro. D. K. McGregor makes a model secretary, and his books are neat and well kept. A very pleasant hour was spent at the banquet table after the lodge was closed.

Granite Lodge, No. 446, Fort Frances: I visited this lodge on Wednesday, April 20th, at an emergent meeting, and had the honor of being introduced by R. W. Bro. C. J. Hollands, and had a very cordial welcome from the officers and members. W. Bro. F. M. Gibson, W. M., in the chair. There was a fair attendance of members and visitors. The W. M. initiated a candidate

in a very creditable manner. Bro. Gibson is a good officer and very popular with the members and well sustained by the Wardens and other officers. The Past Masters take much interest in the welfare of the lodge. Its financial condition is good, the membership is growing and its prospects are very bright. R. W. Bro. Hollands is, I understand, generally on hand to encourage the officers and guard the landmarks. The Secretary is S. C. B. Fund. A pleasant hour was spent at the festive board, and closed what was to me a very enjoyable meeting.

Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, Port Arthur: I visited this lodge on Tuesday, the 3rd day of May, their regular night of meeting. This is the oldest, and one of the most up-to-date lodges in the district. Their brilliant galaxy of P. D. D. G. Ms and Past Masters is quite imposing, and the interest displayed in the welfare of the lodge is an inspiration to the younger members. I was introduced by the R. W. Bros. Dobbie and Symes, and my reception was of a most cordial nature. The work of the evening, the first degree, was simply perfect, and rendered by the Master and his Wardens in a manner leaving nothing to be wished for. The Junior Warden's lecture was particularly well given. The lodge was also opened and closed in three degrees in a very satisfactory manner. The dignity of the Worshipful Master seems to have an inspiring effect on the officers, and in fact on all the members. The lodge is at present meeting under dispensation in the Odd Fellows' Hall, but they are rebuilding their temple, which should be completed this year. They, through me, requested the M. W. the Grand Master to lay the corner stone early in April, but I understand that he was prevented from complying with their wishes. This lodge has not done as well by the S. C. B. Fund as some of the other lodges in the district, but I am assured by the W. M. that the balance due will be paid to the Grand Lodge in the near future. P. M. Bro. Gurnsy is an excellent Secretary, having his books in fine form. This lodge is in a flourishing condition and the finances are in good shape. A splendid banquet was prepared at the Mariaggie Hotel. Owing to my having to leave on the 11:45 train, I did not have the pleasure of hearing the eloquent speeches delivered by the distinguished brethren present.

Lake of the Woods Lodge, No. 445, Kenora, Ont.: Visited on Wednesday, May 11th, their regular night of meeting. There was a fair attendance of members and visitors. I was introduced by W. Bro. Schnarr, and received a most friendly and fraternal reception. The work presented for my inspection was the third degree, which was conferred upon Bro. Dr. Laidlaw, a remarkably well posted candidate, in a highly creditable manner, by W. Bro. Berlanquet and his well skilled officers, assisted by W. Bro. Schnarr. This was certainly the best worked and most impressive third degree that I have witnessed during my official visitations. Each officer was strictly correct in phraseology, clear and plain in pronunciation, emphatic in speech, and impressive in diction. Although one of the youngest lodges in the district, it is noted for the excellence of its work. This lodge is behind with S. C. B. Fund, but has made good promises, which I have every reason to believe will be fulfilled in the near future. The books of the Secretary, Bro. W. Chapple, are well and correctly kept. The prospects of the lodge are good, the members are very enthusiastic and working together harmoniously. I had the honor of installing the officers of this lodge jointly with the officers of the Keewatin Lodge on December 27th. I also visited this lodge at the regular meeting in October, when I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, Deputy Grand Master. A banquet presided over by W. Bro. Schnarr was held at the close, brethren. After my reception by the W. M., the lodge when a pleasant hour was spent.

Keewatin Lodge, No. 417, Keewatin, Ont.: I visited this, my mother lodge, on June 3rd, their regular night of meeting. I had arranged for a previous visit on Friday, May 6th, but owing to the death of our beloved Sovereign and Most Worshipful Brother King Edward VII., the meeting was postponed. The brethren showed their appreciation of the honor conferred on the lodge, by having one of their number elected to the office of D. D. G. M., by giving me a very enthusiastic and fraternal reception. There being no work, the lodge was opened and closed in three degrees. Being a regular attendant at the meetings of this lodge, I have had the opportunity of seeing W. Bro. Elson and his officers exemplify the several degrees, and am glad to report that they are keeping up its past record for good work. The

constituency of the lodge is not large, and many losses are sustained from the removal of its members to the West, yet it is continually progressive and attracting candidates from its good reputation. The lodge has recently purchased a hall and is struggling along to meet the balance of the payments, and has contributed only one-third of the quota to the S. C. B. Fund, but the W. M. assures me that their indebtedness to Grand Lodge will be paid in the near future. The arrears of dues are altogether too large in comparison to the number of members. Good feeling and harmony exist, and the future of the lodge is promising. The banquet after the meeting, presided over by W. Bro. McCall, was very pleasant and sociable, the speaking happy and instructive. R. W. Bro. Bryden added much to the pleasure of the evening.

In conclusion, permit me again to thank the brethren of the district for the high honor conferred upon myself, and my mother lodge, in electing me D. D. G. M., and for the courteous manner in which I have invariably been received on my official visits.

I have tried my best to do my duty, and in surrendering the gavel of office to my successor, I feel that I am handing over to him this large district in a very satisfactory condition, and I bespeak for him the same cordial support which has been accorded to me and my predecessors.

Fraternally submitted,

T. J. CHERRY, D. D. G. M.,
Algoma District No. 17.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Table shewing the work done in Algoma District, No. 17, from June 24th, 1909, to June 24th, 1910

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Membership		Degree's Conf'rd			Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions. N.P.D.	Suspensions. other causes	Deceased	Meet'gs held			Average atten'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. me'b'rs 12 m'ths in arr'rs	Total of all arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W.M. work all degrees	Insurance
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	Decrease during year	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.							Regular	Emergent	Total									
414	Pequonga	Kenora.....	171	9	..	10	12	16	1	1	2	..	..	1	14	9	23	23	.....	4	328 90	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	1050 00

Pequonga Lodge No. 414 was the only Lodge in this District from which statistics were received.

NIPISSING DISTRICT No. 18.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor of presenting for your consideration my report on the condition of Freemasonry, together with remarks on some subjects that have come forcibly under my observation during my official visits in the Eighteenth Masonic District for the year ending June, 1910.

So much has been written each year by my predecessors about the work in the lodges and about individual officers of this district, that I am inclined to take up a few points that apply to all the lodges and then give the dates of my official visits to each lodge.

First, I wish to express my most hearty appreciation of, and warmest thanks for, the honor conferred upon me by the brethren of the Eighteenth Masonic District in electing me to that high and important office as the representative of the M. W. the Grand Master for Nipissing District No. 18. I can assure you I have honestly endeavored to perform the duties pertaining to the office to the best of my ability. Wherein I have failed I trust may be attributed not to lack of enthusiasm or effort, but to my lack of ability. I was most cordially received, entertained and banqueted by each lodge in the district on my visitations.

After taking over the reins of office for the year 1909-10, and before making any official visits, I sent a circular letter to each lodge, as follows:—

"Little Current, 25th August, 1909.

"To the Worshipful Master, Officers and Brethren:—

"In this my first circular letter to the lodges, I wish to thank the brethren for electing me to that high and important position of District Deputy Grand Master. I trust the harmony and prosperity which is evidenced in the work of past years may continue throughout this, and the years to come. I wish to extend to you, Wor-

shipful Sir, personally, and to each brother, my heartiest good wishes for continued success, prosperity and harmony.

"There are few topics that I can touch upon in this district, thanks to the good offices of my predecessors, and the strict observance of the Constitution and By-laws by the members of the various lodges, that apply as forcibly perhaps to this particular district as they do to some others. The few I do mention I would enjoin the Masters and Past Masters to take into consideration, and, in so far as they apply to your lodge, act upon them in due course.

"The points I wish to touch upon as briefly as possible in this letter are:—

DEDICATION CEREMONIES.
SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND.
NON-AFFILIATED MASONS.
LODGE DUES.
YOUNGER MEMBERS.
RETURNS AND NOTICES.
CHARGES.
LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

"First, then, the Dedication Ceremonies. It has been learned, with much surprise, that many lodges in the several districts have overlooked this very important ceremony, this landmark, dedication. I am of the opinion, however, that the Secretaries of the Eighteenth Masonic District have been most efficient in their duties, and that the records of the lodges are well preserved. I should therfore thank you, Worshipful Sir, to notify me of the date of the dedication of your lodge.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND.

"The origin of this Fund, the pledge made regarding it, and the present condition of the Fund, are too well known to the brethren to require much comment from me. As a district, held to the view of Grand Lodge as a 'noble example,' we feel proud. Let us therefore maintain the distinction so merited. Let each lodge do its utmost this year to further the good work in this great cause.

NON-AFFILIATED MASONS.

"I am led to believe there are in every community many non-affiliated Masons. While we can scarcely hope to attain in full our ideals of Masonry, we deplore the fact that we have living with us Masons who have not entered the portals of a lodge for months, perhaps years. A kindly word, a gentle reminder of their professions—might in most cases prove a stepping stone to that one ideal: Every Mason in our district belongs to some lodge in the district.

LODGE DUES.

"The amount of outstanding dues in the district is far too great considering our membership. The greater part of this should be in the lodge treasury. An explanation to delinquents of the responsibility they are placing upon the lodge would, I venture to say, have the desired result. Doubtless there are members living in other jurisdictions who fail to respond to the Secretary's notice of dues. For such cases the Constitution and By-laws make ample provision.

YOUNG MEMBERS.

"Masters and Past Masters are fully cognizant of the zeal and enthusiasm expressed so often by the younger members. How often do we find that the bright link in the chain becomes dull, losing its lustre. How often the stone chosen for the temple apparently misplaced. I am firmly convinced that the being placed in the position to do something, is the best preservative for the brightness of the link, the best cement for the stone in the temple. No institution has a more solid foundation than that upon which Freemasonry rests, none with a more beautiful ritual, none with more symbolism. Is there not, therefore, something for the younger members to do? The Master has work for all.

RETURNS.

"By returns I do not mean simply the statistical and financial statement for Grand Lodge alone, but the sending of notices, the requests for dispensations. As you are aware, your District Deputy Grand Master cannot keep in touch with his district unless your lodge notices are promptly sent to him. In this regard I would refer you to Sections 164 and 243 of the Book of Constitution,

and request that your Secretary forward a copy of each summons, whether for regular or emergent meeting, to my address.

CHARGES.

"I am of the opinion that the impressiveness of the ceremony in each degree is borne out more fully when the charges are delivered in keeping with the rest of the ceremony, not read from the Book of Constitution. I should therefore suggest that, if the Master finds he has too much work on hand, some worthy brother be appointed to deliver the charge on all proper occasions.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

"It is my intention to hold a Lodge of Instruction during the year, preferably at some central point, where the lodges, all the lodges, may be represented. To this end I invite suggestions from the Masters and Past Masters and officers, stating the work they would be prepared to exemplify.

APPOINTMENTS.

"I have appointed Worshipful Brother Joseph Ellenton, Little Current, District Secretary. Any communications sent to his address will receive prompt attention. I have also appointed Bro. Rev. Ed. Baker, Little Current, District Chaplain.

"May God, the Great Architect of the Universe, continue to preserve our Order, may He instil into our hearts that brotherly love and affection, so that when we are summoned from this sub-lunary abode we may ascend to the Grand Lodge above, where the World's Great Architect lives and reigns for ever and ever."

I felt in sending out the foregoing circular letter that each lodge would know what to expect from me, and what I should expect from them, on my official visits.

Upon receiving the first notices from the lodges, I opened a record that I might keep in tabulated form the work being done in each lodge in the district, the better to enable me to learn about what degree work I might expect should I make a visit. I found, however, a few of the lodges upset my plans, for in calling emergent meetings they merely stated "conferring degrees," and one lodge forwarded a ruling that it was unnecessary to state just what the nature of the work was at an emergent meeting, "conferring degrees" apparently being

sufficient. As there was a plethora of work in all the lodges, I felt the calling of emergent meetings in most cases would assist in clearing the slate. In this I was not mistaken, for in all but three lodges I was able to view degree work. The three lodges in question each had candidates named on their summons, but for some reason or other the candidates failed to put in an appearance. In all the lodges, whether degree work was on or not, the Worshipful Master opened and closed in the three degrees.

I find in all the lodges that while the officers are as a rule well skilled, there is a lack of execution in what may be termed the "detail," which so materially assists in conveying a lasting impression not only to the candidate, but to the brethren generally. To the oldest member each degree conveys some particular thought, some particular idea that he carries with him: to the younger member, whose ambition is to become perfect, their visits to other than their mother or home lodge furnishes food for thought and criticism as to the why and wherefore. I attribute the lack of execution in the work to the fact that the lodges have so much work to do that the foundation work is covered hastily. Words convey much or little. The intelligent rendering of the words in the exemplification of each degree should leave a lasting impression, while at the same time creating a desire for more.

In the district as a whole I find that Freemasonry is a power wielding its influence for the betterment of all classes. Peace, harmony and prosperity rule throughout all the lodges. I find the ballot to be used both wisely and judiciously, a matter which deserves commendation in view of the fact that the situation of some of the lodges requires the ever watchful eye of the Worshipful Master, his officers and the members of the Board of General Purposes.

I examined carefully the books of each lodge, but found in one lodge, and one only, a correct form of Auditors' report, or Auditors' statement. The Auditors in the majority of cases simply make the remark that "The books have been examined and the entries are correct," but for a D. D. G. M. on his official visits, or to the incoming Master, who should particularly acquaint himself, not only with the lodge's financial standing,

but with other matters as well, there is no statement showing the sources of revenues to the lodge, nor the expenditures in connection therewith. There is no statement of assets and liabilities. All the details going to make up a statement required to be gleaned from the various books. With regard to books kept, there is such a variety, and each lodge with a system, so called, of its own, that I am led to make the suggestion that a uniform system should be adopted and all books used should be ordered through the Grand Secretary; not that I would burden the Grand Secretary with more work, but a set of books could be chosen as the standard for all lodges, and some reliable firm have the contract for supplying stationery to the lodges through the Grand Secretary. One would then find some degree of uniformity in the work of the Secretaries and Treasurers.

There is, to my mind, a feeling among Secretaries that they are elected for the year only, and that the Secretary's work is not of sufficient importance to carry out the "Never put off till to-morrow what you can do to-day" motto, but rather keep their work on the plan of "Never do to-day what can be put off till to-morrow." The result I need scarcely mention.

Lodge dues is a matter that apparently does not seem to be thoroughly understood by the brethren, otherwise the reports from the lodges would not show such large amounts outstanding under the head of Unpaid Dues. I took this question up with each lodge, and invariably the answer to my questions were, "Oh, he's all right, he's a good fellow." I fear if the financial end of a business enterprise was operated on the same principle it would be short lived. Sections 219, 220 of Book of Constitution are explicit enough regarding non-payment of dues, and, moreover, each lodge has its own By-laws covering the same question, in most cases stating that lodge dues are payable in advance. Allowing for circumstances that might surround extreme cases, there appears to be a feeling among some that because we are Masons it matters not when our dues are paid.

The Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, which had such worthy exponents as my predecessor in office, was overpaid by the district as a whole last year. There was one lodge, however, which had not paid its full quota. I am indeed pleased to be in a position to state that this

lodge overpaid its quota this year, and also that a few other lodges in this district gave a further donation towards this worthy object. The lodges of Nipissing District No. 18 are composed of a body of men who have not forgotten that there was a time in their lives—a time within their own memory—when they were "Poor and Penniless." The remembrance still lives, for they have nobly answered the call for the distressed and proven their professions, and further, in some cases the lodges have their relief fund for local requirements as well. I may say just here that I had the assurance from the Masters of all the lodges in the district that a further donation would be made this year towards the S. C. B. Fund. However, the following four only have seen their way clear towards making the donation: Mattawa, No. 405; Dyment, No. 442; Doric, No. 455, and Haileybury, No. 485.

Fraternal Dead: There have been a number in the Eighteenth District pass to the Grand Lodge above. Unfortunately the Secretaries have not notified me of the names and dates, and I can only mention the fact from yearly reports to hand.

Lodges of Instruction: Two Lodges of Instruction were held in the district this year.

17th January, 1910, Lodge of Instruction at Sudbury: I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. A. J. Young, P. D. D. G. M. First degree conferred by Nipissing, No. 420, W. Bro. Dudley and officers creating a favorable impression in their work. Second degree conferred by Sturgeon Falls, No. 447, W. Bros. McInnis and Smith showed careful preparation and well guided work in their delivery to the candidate. Third degree, conferred by Past Masters Nickel Lodge, No. 427. The work in this degree was about perfect and left a marked impression, not only upon the candidate, but upon the brethren present. In the conferring of this degree one could not single out for special mention one officer more than another. Much credit and praise were due the officers and members of Nickel Lodge for the reception tendered the visiting brethren. Personally I felt deeply indebted to Nickel Lodge for the kind manner in which they looked after my comfort.

3rd May, 1910, Lodge of Instruction at North Bay: Unfortunately I could not be present on this occasion to do honor to the M. W. the Grand Master upon his

first official visit to Nipissing District. I have been pleased to note, however, that the brethren turned out in goodly numbers, and from communications to hand am led to believe that the presence of the Grand Master has had a telling effect upon the brethren. His pleasing address has inspired them to do better work and greater deeds. The appointment of R. W. Bro. Dr. C. W. Haentschell as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota to the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario has given much satisfaction to the district. I am pleased to record, on this occasion, the presence of R. W. Bros. Judge Leask, J. B. Way, Dr. C. W. Haentschell, A. C. Rorabeck and V. W. Bro. Waeger. First degree, conferred by Nipissing, No. 420. Second degree, conferred by Haileybury, No. 485, who, with the brethren from the north, chartered a special train that they might be present in goodly numbers on this occasion.

Dispensations: A number of dispensations have been granted this year to attend Divine service.

Masonic Trials: Two Masonic trials were held in the district and the correspondence in connection therewith duly forwarded to the proper quarter for consideration.

Dedications: I dedicated Dyment Lodge on the 12th January, assisted by V. W. Bro. Nichol, of Algoma Lodge, No. 469, also a Past Master of Dyment Lodge. I dedicated Penewobikong Lodge, Blind River, on the 13th January, assisted by R. W. Bro. J. B. Way, of Sault Ste. Marie, and W. Bro. Williams, W. Bro. Glanville, and several other brethren from Dyment Lodge, Thessalon.

VISITATIONS.

January 10, 1910—Algoma Lodge, No. 469, Sault Ste. Marie: Meeting, regular; the first after installation. All new officers in the chairs. Work of the evening, second degree. Work well put on. Candidate exceptionally bright. This meeting was the occasion of presentation to I. P. M. Rowland of Past Master's jewel.

January 11—Keystone Lodge, No. 412, Sault Ste. Marie: Meeting, emergent. All new men in the chairs. Work of the evening, first degree. One commendable feature was the alacrity with which Past Masters act when called upon to take part in the work.

January 12—Dyment Lodge, No. 442, Thessalon: Meeting, emergent; called for dedication ceremonies and

official visit of D. D. G. M. After the dedication ceremonies had been completed the W. M., Bro. Argue, opened and closed in the three degrees, demonstrating his able conception of this portion of the work. Thessalon was visited by fire a few weeks previous to my visit, when the brethren were obliged to move their furniture, carpets, etc., from their room. They were fortunate in being able to have same replaced that their lodge might be dedicated. This lodge was the only one in this district that had not paid its quota in full to the S. C. B. Fund up to the time of my visit. I am pleased to state that the morning after my visit I was handed a cheque not only for the balance of their quota, but for a few dollars over the amount.

January 13—Penewobikong Lodge, No. 487, Blind River: Meeting, emergent; called for dedication ceremonies and official visit of D. D. G. M. The dedication of this lodge completed the dedication of all lodges in this district. This was the occasion of my second visit to Penewobikong Lodge, having consecrated the lodge on 13th September, 1909, assisted by W. Bros. Gill, Nickel Lodge; Glanville, Dyment Lodge; Turner and Ellenton, with District Chaplain, and several other brethren of Doric Lodge, Little Current. W. Bro. White, of Penewobikong, is a capable Master, and, assisted by his officers, should make this a thriving country lodge.

January 14, 1910—Sturgeon Falls Lodge, No. 447, Sturgeon Falls: Meeting, emergent. No degree work. Candidate failed to put in an appearance. The attendance was mostly of young men. Bro. Gilleland gave a very interesting paper on "The Lights of Masonry." The officers of Sturgeon Falls Lodge conferred the second degree at Lodge of Instruction at Sudbury on 17th January.

January 18—Nipissing Lodge, No. 420, North Bay: Meeting, emergent. Work of the evening, second degree. R. W. Bros. A. J. Young and Dr. C. W. Haentschell accompanied me on this visit. R. W. Bro. Dr. Haentschell gave a very interesting and instructive paper on "Symbolism," which received the undivided attention of all present.

January 19—Haileybury Lodge, No. 485, Haileybury: Meeting, emergent. Work of the evening, first degree. W. Bro. Ebbitt, although a busy man, proved the truth of the saying, "The more a man has to do the more he

can do." This lodge appears to be happily situated as to wealth and material. The appointments of the lodge are about complete, and the brethren pride themselves, and justly so, upon their ornaments, furniture and jewels. I was indeed impressed with the generous disposition displayed by the officers and brethren as regards the S. C. B. Fund, a disposition shown later in a tangible form by a further donation of fifty dollars. R. W. Bro. Haentschell accompanied me on this visit and gave a paper on the "Apron." This paper showed careful preparation and was appreciated by all. Bro. Harper, since affiliated, in a pleasing manner quite carried himself into favor with the brethren, his timely thoughts taken from the address of R. W. Bro. Haentschell, proving the reverend brother a man of quick perception and an acquisition to Haileybury Lodge.

January 20—Temiskaming Lodge, No. 462, New Liskeard: Meeting, regular. No degree work, candidate failed to put in an appearance. R. W. Bro. Haentschell accompanied me on this visit, and again, by request, delivered his paper on the "Apron."

January 21—Silver Lodge, No. 486, Cobalt: Meeting, emergent. Work of the evening, third degree. This is a mining town and the lodge might be called "Cosmopolitan." Visitors from many parts of the world were in attendance. The speeches here were interesting. R. W. Bro. Haentschell accompanied me on this visit.

January 24—Mattawa Lodge, No. 405, Mattawa: Meeting, emergent. No degree work, candidate failed to put in an appearance. Attendance small. This is the oldest lodge in the district, and last year celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary, at which function I had the pleasure of being present. The town itself is one of the old "lumbering towns" of Ontario, whose growth of late years has decreased rather than increased, and to this may be attributed the small attendance at lodge. Mattawa brethren seem to cover the face of the globe. Much credit is due the Secretary, Bro. Borrowman, for his untiring efforts in lodge work and for the exceptionally neat and up-to-date books. It was a pleasure to examine these books. Of the appointments in this lodge the brethren are justly proud.

March 2, 1910—Gore Bay Lodge, No. 472, Gore Bay: Meeting, regular. Work of the evening, third degree. The able assistance rendered to the officers by Past Master W. Bro. Johnston, and the untiring zeal and en-

thusiasm of the Secretary, Bro. Platt, are appreciated by the brethren. The Secretary's books were written up to date and lodge dues well paid. I was accompanied on this visit by W. Bro. Turner, of Doric Lodge, Little Current.

March 8, 1910—Doric Lodge, No. 455, Little Current: Meeting, emergent. Work of the evening, third degree, ably exemplified. This lodge is so situated on the Great Manitoulin Island, many smaller places coming within its jurisdiction, that the attendance of members at times depends a good deal on the condition of the roads. During the past four years many of the older brethren have moved to the west, retaining, however, their membership in Doric. Younger blood has flowed in. W. Bro. Ellenton finds himself with capital material in his Senior and Junior Wardens. I have missed but one meeting in this my home lodge during the year, and therefore can speak authoritatively on the capabilities of the officers.

June 1, 1910—Nickel Lodge, No. 427, Sudbury: Regular meeting. Work of the evening, third degree. Work ably exemplified. Attendance small. Regular officers in the chairs. The younger officers in this lodge are fortunately situated, as they have some eighteen Past Masters for reference.

In conclusion, I may say that I found the brethren very enthusiastic, the work in most cases being put on very satisfactorily. In some cases there was a lack of precision, to which I directed the attention of the officers, for the reason that the younger members, keen of observation, would feel that there was something lacking with their home lodge should they ever visit another lodge and then compare mental notes.

I found a diversity of opinion as to penalties. For years each District Deputy Grand Master on his official visits has made some slight variation, a circumstance which, in my humble opinion, should be remedied.

I sometimes felt that the greatest concern of some lodges was how much work could be put on in the course of the year. All else was of a secondary nature. I have endeavored to point out that aside from our ritualism there is the all important practical side to Masonry: that each brother in his daily walk in life should set such

a high standard of principles, that in his community his example would redound to the credit of the Fraternity.

Fraternally submitted,

J. B. WALLACE, D. D. G. M.,

Nipissing District No. 18.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Table shewing the work done in Nipissing District, No. 18, from June 24th, 1909, to June 24th, 1910

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Membership: Total No. of all Mem.	Membership: Increase during year	Membership: Decrease during year	Degre's Conf'rd: E. A.	Degre's Conf'rd: F. C.	Degre's Conf'rd: M. M.	Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased	Meet'gs held: Regular	Meet'gs held: Emergent	Meet'gs held: Total	Average atten'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No members 12 months in arrears	Total of all arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance
405	Mattawa . .	Mattawa	97	5	..	6	5	7	..	1	..	1	..	..	13	1	14	13	5 00	19	78 00	June '10	Good	Good	Yes	$600
412	Keystone . .	Sault Ste Marie	264	12	10	9	7	7	3	..	9	..	..	1	17	15	28	23	59 60	3	363 00	Dec. '09	Good	Good	Yes	$1800
420	Nipissing	North Bay	189	24	2	21	22	15	6	1	..	..	..	2	13	19	32	36	62 00	37	298 70	Dec. '09	Good	Excel'nt	Yes	$1000
427	Nickel	Sudbury	162	2	..	6	8	8	4	..	5	2	..	1	13	2	15	24	175 60	20	272 00	Dec. '09	Good	Good	Yes	$1250
442	Dyment	Thessalon	84	..	4	5	3	5	1	..	4	6	..	..	10	7	17	14		5	192 00	Dec. '09	Fair	Good	Yes	$300
447	Sturg'n Falls	Sturgeon Falls .	65	8	..	6	5	4	2	..	2	1	1	..	12	10	22	12		..		Dec. '09	Good	Fair	Yes	
455	Doric	Little Current ..	80	10	8	8	6	7	2	..	5	2	..	1	11	4	15	12	25 00	..		Dec. '09	Good	Good	Yes	$1000
462	Temiskaming	New Liskeard .	140	22	5	21	11	12	1	..	3	..	..	2	14	14	28	24	59 65	25	260 00	Dec. '09	Good	Good	Yes	$2800
469	Algoma	Sault Ste Marie	104	10	3	9	10	8	1	..	2	..	..	1	13	10	23	18	30 00	2	91 00	Dec. '09	Good	Good	Yes	$100
472	Gore Bay ..	Gore Bay	64	9	3	9	8	9	..	..	2	..	..	1	11	7	18	19	50 00	1	38 50	Dec. '09	Fair	Fair	Yes	$400
485	Haileybury .	Haileybury	119	25	..	16	20	18	9	..	3	..	..	1	14	14	28	32	200 00	3	159 50	Dec. '09	Excel'nt	Excel'nt	Yes	$1800
486	Silver	Cobalt	109	35	..	29	24	17	6	..	2	..	..	..	14	26	40	20		4	21 00	Dec. '09	Good	Excel'nt	Yes	$700
487	Peniwobik'g	Blind River	45	5	1	4	4	4	1	..	..	..	..	1	10	2	12	15		12	102 50	Dec. '09	Fair	Good	Yes	$550

MUSKOKA DISTRICT NUMBER 19.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in the Nineteenth Masonic District.

I desire to express my appreciation to the Brethren of the District for electing me to be the representative of the Grand Master. I must thank them also for the many kind expressions of esteem received while in office, and for the opportunity afforded me of becoming more intimately acquainted with the brethren of the District and the work of the individual lodges. It is almost needless to say that I was always received with courtesy and treated with consideration. The only unpleasant feature of my term of office was owing to the distance separating me from the other lodges—the nearest being sixty miles, and the most distant about one hundred miles away. I was thus unable to make more than one visit.

I find an earnest desire throughout the district to enhance the standing of Masonry, and from the character of initiated brethren I discovered a desire to prefer quality to quantity. This may mean a financial loss temporally but in the end means a gain to the lodge, that will eventually be lasting, and improve its status in the community.

The work of the lodges generally is satisfactory. There are some slight differences as done by individual lodges, but this must be looked for. On the whole the work has been done in a very satisfactory manner and I have reason to congratulate the lodges in the district on the creditable manner in which the officers perform their duties.

There has been a steady gain in membership during the past year, and all indications are that this happy state will continue. If the officers of the lodges and the Past Masters do their duty, the happiest results are bound to follow.

There has been a decided improvement re Semi-Centennial Fund. A number of the lodges have paid the balance due on this fund; whereas last year but one lodge had paid the amount in full, this year I find four

others have cleared themselves of this liability. I am sure the district will have a clear sheet in regard to this before Grand Lodge meets in 1911.

The financial standing of the lodges is most satisfactory and shows a constant tendency to improve. Only one lodge has any debt, and that, I am satisfied, will be wiped out in a few years—a recent misfortune by fire having crippled it somewhat.

Lodge funds are kept in chartered banks. Lodge rooms are not used for any purpose than that of Masonry.

I find a tendency in nearly all lodges to carry brethren in arrears on the books too long.

In some of the lodges where considerable degree work is done, the lectures and charges are too often omitted.

I would suggest semi-annual Lodges of Instruction be held in this district, the place of meeting of the same to be decided upon at the district meeting during Grand Lodge.

There should be a more uniform system of accounts used, and a register similar to that of Muskoka Lodge of Bracebridge adopted by the district.

Secretaries of lodges in all cases should use blotter for rough minutes of meetings.

VISITATIONS.

Golden Rule Lodge No. 409, Gravenhurst: I made my official visit at the regular meeting in April. I found the lodge in a satisfactory condition generally. Work well done, rooms very comfortable, and the attendance at the various meetings very good. The officers and members interested in the work and anxious for the advancement of Golden Rule and Masonry. The lodge is to be congratulated in having an efficient Master and officers. The books are well kept and the financial standing of the lodge satisfactory.

Muskoka Lodge, No. 360, Bracebridge: I made my official visit on the regular meeting, May 3rd. There being no candidates the second degree was exemplified in a satisfactory manner. This lodge is in a position to take a standing in the district second to none, and the indication is that marked improvement in membership and finances may be looked for very soon. I congratulate the Worshipful Master and brethren in having paid their quoto of $201.00 to the S. C. B. Fund this year. This was particularly acceptable to me. The books of this

lodge are better than that of any other lodge in the district. The method of keeping accounts and register of the brethren is most satisfactory, and the best I have seen. The register containing as it does, the full Masonic history of each brother, is recommended to the lodges of the district for adoption. The by-laws of this lodge were amended this year and approved by the Grand Master. I received a very hearty welcome and enjoyed my visit exceedingly. The Master and officers are efficient and well informed, and are ably supported by an active body of Past Masters.

Unity Lodge, No. 376, Huntsville: My official visit was made on May 11th. I was accompanied by W. M. J. P. Weeks and Bros. M. H. Limbert and J. C. Johnstone of Granite Lodge. We received a most cordial welcome from the W. M., H. E. Rice, and the brethren. This lodge is in a very satisfactory state and its finances are very creditable. The work is well done and the officers are efficient. The general interest of the members was shown by a large gathering and an examination of the books showed the interest taken during the year had been well maintained by a good attendance at regular and emergent meetings. The books are well kept by a very efficient secretary in the person of V. W. Bro. D. M. Grant.

Corona Lodge, No. 454, Burks Falls: My visit was made on the first regular meeting in May. The W. M. and officers are efficient and active in the performance of their duties. This lodge has been handicapped by fire recently, but notwithstanding this, the small debt they had incurred, was not increased. The membership is increasing steadily and their new lodge room is very comfortably furnished. This lodge is not yet dedicated, but the W. M. promises to have this remedied this year. The work of the evening was satisfactorily performed. The books of the lodge are well kept by the Secretary, W. Bro. Harris. The financial standing should markedly improve in the next few years.

Strong Lodge, No. 423, Sundridge: My official visit was made at the regular meeting in May. I enjoyed my evening very much. This lodge had the honor of being the first in the district to pay its quota to the S.C.B. Fund. Its example has been an encouragement and a help to me throughout my year of office. The officers

are young men, active and anxious to do well. A very prosperous career lies before Strong Lodge if the same energy is displayed in the future. The Secretary's duties are well performed. The financial condition is also good.

Granite Lodge, No. 352, Parry Sound: This being my own lodge, I am able to speak of its work and progress very accurately. It has efficient officers and the active support of very capable and interested Past Masters. One or two degrees is the usual work of each regular meeting. The attendance is only fair, there being a large number of absentee brethren, probably fifty per cent. of the total membership. The books are most accurately kept by R. W. Bro. J. H. Knifton. The finances are very satisfactory, the lodge being without debt and owning the building in which they meet, from which a good revenue is derived. This lodge still owes a balance to the S. C. B. Fund, which will be paid in the coming year.

Algonquin Lodge, No. 434, Emsdale: My visit was made on the twenty-fourth of May, not a very favorable night owing to its being a general holiday. The attendance was less than usual. This lodge is doing good work and its strength is increasing steadily. The W. M. and officers are regular in attendance and well founded in the work. They have also the able support of my predecessor in office, R. W. Bro. James Metcalfe. The lodge is handicapped by many of its members living many miles away, but it is encouraging to find that an active and interested number of brethren are regular in attendance. The books are very well kept and quite satisfactory. The lodge finances are equally satisfactory.

Powassan Lodge, No. 443, Powassan: My visit was made on the evening of June 10th. I here saw more work than during any visit I had previously made. A first and third degree were conferred and the election of officers also took place, all of which was done in a most satisfactory way. This lodge is to be congratulated on having plenty of work to do and on having efficient officers, who are interested and regular in their attendance. I was most cordially received by the W. M., W. Bro. Carmichael, and other members of the lodge. As I did not arrive until after nine p.m. it was late when lodge opened and work began, and having so much to do it was very early in the morning when lodge closed. Some minor improvements to the lodge room are required. The

lodge itself is well furnished and comfortable. The membership is active and growing steadily. The books are fairly well kept. I would recommend the Secretary to use a blotter before writing up the minutes of meeting. The attendance at meetings is fair. The W. M. and officers are efficient in the performance of their duties. The finances are in a fair condition and should be better each year as there is nothing to prevent steady expansion and growth.

Fraternally submitted,

SIDNEY N. DAVIS, D. D. G. M.,

Muskoka District No. 19.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Table shewing the work done in Muskoka District No. 19 from June 24th, 1909, to June 24th, 1910

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Membership: Total No of all Mem.	Membership: Increase during year	Membership: Decrease during year	Degre's Conf'rd: E. A.	Degre's Conf'rd: F. C.	Degre's Conf'rd: M. M	Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N P D.	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased	Meet'gs held: Regular	Meet'gs held: Emergent	Meet'gs held: Total	Average atten'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. me'b'rs 12 m'ths in arr'rs	Total of all arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M work all degrees	Insurance
360	Muskoka	Bracebridge	NO RETURNS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM THIS DISTRICT.																						
409	Golden Rule	Gravenhurst																							
376	Unity	Huntsville																							
423	Strong	Sundridge																							
454	Corona	Burk's Falls																							
434	Algonquin	Emsdale																							
443	Powassan	Powassan																							
352	Granite	Parry Sound																							

OTONABEE DISTRICT, NO. 20

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

In submitting for your consideration my report of the condition and progress of Masonry in this District for the year ending June 30th, 1910, I desire in the first place to express my appreciation of the confidence reposed in me by my brethren in electing me to the responsible position of D.D.G.M., at the meeting of the Grand Lodge in London, and this honor was all the more appreciated from the fact, that owing to important professional engagements, I was unable to be present at that meeting. I accepted the position with a full sense of the dignity conferred, and also of the responsibilities it imposed upon me. Not being present at Grand Lodge, my installation did not take place until the 30th of August. The ceremony was performed in my mother lodge, Norwood Lodge, No. 223, by my friend, and immediate predecessor, R. W. Bro. A. H. C. Long, of Ontario Lodge, No. 26, Port Hope, who very kindly journeyed hither, at his own expense, for that special purpose.

Masonry in this District may truly be said to be in a flourishing condition, and the prospects for the future of nearly all the lodges are very bright. The work, with very few exceptions, was well put on, although there still exists some lack of uniformity, which the holding of annual Lodges of Instruction, alone will rectify. To secure greater uniformity and to promote good fellowship among the membership of the District, I summoned a Lodge of Instruction to meet in the well-appointed Masonic Hall in the City of Peterborough, April 20th, 1910. There was an attendance of about 350. A special train brought a large number from Bowmanville, Newcastle, Port Hope, and Millbrook. I was greatly assisted in my preparations by the brethren of the two Peterborough

lodges, and, in this connection, I desire, especially to express my gratitude to W. Bro. A. P. McLean, W. M. of Peterborough Lodge, No. 155, for his most valuable assistance. Though greatly disappointed at the inability of M. W. Grand Master Macwatt to fulfil his engagement to be with us, we were greatly favored by the presence, as his substitute, of our Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, and Past Grand Master M. W. Bro. Judge Harding, of Lindsay, both of whom gave us excellent service. The work of the First Degree was exemplified by the officers of Clementi Lodge No. 313, Lakefield; that of the Fellowcraft Degree by the officers of J. B. Hall Lodge, No. 145, Millbrook; and that of the Third Degree, jointly by the officers of Ontario Lodge, No. 26 and Hope Lodge, No. 114, Port Hope. The brethren all acquitted themselves well; so well, indeed, as to call forth very little criticism. The work of examination of visitors was undertaken by W. Bro. G. E. Bonnycastle of Jerusalem Lodge, No. 31, Bowmanville, and elicited some discussion as to the best methods of performing this work. Attention was called to the fact that in some of the lodges very lax methods prevail in this matter, and greater care was urged. It is needless for me to say that the work of the Fourth Degree was exemplified in a most elaborate and recherché manner by the officers and brethren of the two Peterborough lodges. Excellent addresses were made by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, M. W. Bro. Judge Harding, R. W. Bro. Clarke, D.D.G.M., of Ontario District No. 12 and others.

In my official visits I have found very great harmony prevailing in all the lodges, and nothing could exceed the kindness and cordiality with which on all occasions I was received.

In the matter of the S. C. B. Fund, great interest was manifested. During the year six lodges in the District have paid their allotment in full, viz.: Havelock No. 435, Norwood No. 223, Keen No. 374, Jerusalem No. 31, Durham No. 66, and Orono No. 325, and the few remaining lodges have promised to attend to the matter.

It was a matter of great regret that the beautiful hall used by Ontario and Hope Lodges in Port Hope,

and also the smaller, but well furished hall, of Norwood Lodge, No. 223, were destroyed by fire. The loss in both cases was partially covered by insurance.

OFFICIAL VISITS

Norwood Lodge, No. 223, Norwood—I made my visit to this, my mother lodge, October 25th, 1909. Owing to very unfavorable weather, and several counter attractions, there was not a very large attendance. W. Bro. Fred Anderson occupied the chair and the officers were nearly all present. The work of the First Degree was exemplified in a creditable manner, but there was room for improvement. A goodly number of Past Masters were present. This lodge is in a good position financially and the books are well kept. An order was passed for the balance due the S. C. B. Fund, and out of a membership of ninety at the time of my visit, only one was reported in arrears. Later in the year this lodge was unfortunate in losing their beautiful and well furnished hall by fire, and of all the contents saving only the warrant. V. W. Bro. J. H. Pearce continues to show his interest in Masonry by never missing a meeting.

J. B. Hall Lodge, No. 145, Millbrook—I visited this lodge on the 28th of October, 1909, and found a comparatively small number present, owing to the presence of a popular lecturer in the village the same evening. The W. M., W. Bro. Chas. Thorndyke is an enthusiastic Mason and well-posted in the work. The work of the Second Degree was exemplified in a most satisfactory manner. R. W. Bro. A. A. Smith was present, and added much to the interest of the meeting. W. Bro. Hampton makes a very efficient Secretary, as was shown by the neat manner in which his books were kept, and the small number of members reported in arrears. I was pleased to see a goodly number of Past Masters present. The matter of the S. C. B. Fund was brought to the notice of the lodge, and the amount due at the time of my visit has been somewhat reduced.

Hope Lodge, No. 114, Port Hope—On November 25th, 1909, I visited this lodge, which had just completed its jubilee year, having been instituted in 1859. I was introduced by my old friend, R. W. Bro. Evans, and met an exceedingly hearty reception.

There was a very large number present, including visitors from Ontario Lodge, No. 26, Port Hope, and St. John's Lodge No. 17, Cobourg, I was greatly pleased to meet my venerable friend and brother, V. W. Bro. Dr. Might. The officers were present and the work done was above all criticism. V. W. Bro. Thomas H. Bell is a model Secretary, which fact conduces greatly to the prosperity of the lodge.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 101, Peterborough—This grand old lodge, whose history dates back to 1848, still maintains its reputation as one of the best conducted lodges in our Grand Lodge jurisdiction. I made my visit November 19th, 1909, and met a very hearty reception at the hands of a very large number of members and visitors, who did everything to make my visit pleasant. The W. M., W. Bro. W. G. Morrow, since elected Mayor of the city, in inviting me to the East, said he hoped I would judge with candor, admonish with friendship and reprehend with mercy, but truth to say, though I judged with all candor, I found cause for neither admonition nor reprehension. Two brethren were passed to the Second Degree in a manner that proved all the officers to be well skilled in the work. The very efficient Secretary, Bro. F. D. Kerr, was unavoidably absent, but an inspection of his books proved highly satisfactory, indeed. A large number of the Past Masters continue to take a deep interest in the affairs of the lodge which is a matter for great congratulation.

Jerusalem Lodge, No. 31, Bowmanville—I made my visit to this fine old lodge November 24, 1909. I was introduced by R. W. Bro. Bounsall. The beautiful hall was filled with Masons from the town, and a number of visitors from Orono Lodge, No. 325. The work put on that evening I have never seen excelled anywhere. W. Bro. Frank Kydd in the chair, and W. Bro. Moorcraft at the Secretary's desk, kept things moving with the precision of a machine. The books are in good order and the finances well managed. I was pleased to meet an old friend in the person of Bro. Rev. T. W. Jolliffe. A very gratifying feature of the meeting was the large number of Past Masters present.

Peterborough Lodge, No. 155, Peterborough—In company with V. W. Bro. J. B. Pearce, and Bro. Rev. E. W. Pickford, of Norwood Lodge, No. 223, I visited this lodge, December 3rd, 1909. It still continues to be the largest lodge in the District, numbering 225 members. The E. A. Degree was conferred upon one candidate, and the manner in which the work was exemplified, reflected very great credit upon W. Bro. Hill and his staff of officers. R. W. Bro. Walkey, the efficient Secretary, is a tower of strength to this lodge, and his books are models of neatness. One of the most interesting features of the meeting was the presence of Bro. John Mantell, a Mason of nearly sixty years standing, and who, although in his 101st year, was able in a fine, clear voice, to make a ten minminute address. Here, also I was very much gratified to meet a large number of the Past Masters, and I noticed with pleasure that this lodge not only had contributed its full quota to the S. C. B. Fund, but had exceeded it by a considerable amount.

Havelock Lodge, No. 435, Havelock—In company with V. W. Bro. Pearce, W. Bro. Squire, and several other brethren of Norwood Lodge, I visited Havelock Lodge, January 21st, 1910, and installed their officers. The I. P. Master, W. Bro. James R. Beatty, assisted me, and did his work well. The books are well kept, the finances are in good condition, and in response to an earnest appeal by myself and V. W. Bro. Pearce, the brethren promptly passed an order on the treasurer for $61.00, the balance due the S. C. B. Fund. There was a good attendance, but no work was put on other than the installation of officers. The new Master, W. Bro. Boylan, is a well-skilled Mason, and prospects are bright for a prosperous year.

Keene Lodge, No. 374, Keene—February 17th, 1910, I made my official visit to this lodge, accompanied by a load of brethren from Norwood. The night being exceedingly unfavorable, there was a comparatively small attendance. However, a very excellent spirit was manifested, and I met with a very cordial and hearty reception. Numerically this lodge is not strong, but its finances are well looked after, and under the efficient superintendency of the W. M., W. Bro. Anderson, and the equally efficient Secretary,

W. Bro. Smithson, the brethren are looking forward hopefully. With an exceptionally good candidate, the work of the F. C. Degree was well exemplified. My presentation of the claims of the S. C. B. Fund were attentively listened to, and at the next regular meeting an order for $68.00, the balance of their indebtedness, was cheerfully passed, and the amount forwarded to the Grand Secretary.

Clementi Lodge, No. 313, Lakefield—W. Bro. Anderson, and several other willing brethren of Norwood Lodge, accompanied me on my visit to Clementi Lodge, No. 313, March 1st, 1910. Notwithstanding the very unfavorable condition of the roads, there was a very large attendance of members and visitors, among them no less than thirteen Past Masters. The W. M., W. Bro. Isbister, was unavoidably absent on account of illness, but his place was efficiently filled by the I.P.M., W. Bro. Bygott, who with his officers, conferred the F. C. Degree on two candidates in a very creditable manner. My presentation of the claims of the S C. . Fund, in which I was ably assisted by R. W. Bro. Hull, gave rise to a very animated and interesting discussion, as a result of which I am looking for the speedy wiping out of the large balance which still stands against this lodge, more especially as the lodge is both numerically and financially strong. The books are well kept by the Secretary, Bro. O. A. Langley.

Ontario Lodge, No. 26, Port Hope.—On March 18th, accompanied my W. Bro. B. W. Squire, of Norwood, I visited this lodge, now the oldest one in the District, having been organized in July, 1847. Their beautiful hall was filled with enthusiastic Masons from the town and vicinity, who gave me a right royal reception. Among those present were no less than three P.D.D.G.Ms. and thirteen Past Masters. The W. M., W. Bro. Wade occupied the chair, and, with his officers exemplified the work of the Third Degree in admirable style. R. W. Bro. W. J. Robertson, occupied the Secretary's desk, where he does his work in a faultless manner. A spirited disucssion took place on the subject of the S.C.B. Fund, but no definite action was taken. Interesting addresses were made by W. Bro. Thomas Long, R. W. Bro. A. H.

C. Long, V. W. Bro. T. H. Bell of Hope Lodge, No. 114, and several others, I shall retain very pleasant memories of this visit.

Lorne Lodge, No. 375, Omemee—R. W. Bro. John Hull, of Clementi Lodge, No. 313, Lakefield, accompanied me on my visit to this lodge, April 4th, 1910. I found Masonry here at a pretty low ebb. Although due notice of my visit had been given, at 8 o'clock when I presented myself at the hall, it was still unlighted, unheated and the door unlocked, and during the whole evening the only officers present were the attentive Secretary, W. Bro. W. J. Thorn; the Treasurer and the Tyler. W. Bro. Macpherson, one of the Past Masters, assisted by R. W. Bro. Hall, conferred the Third Degree on a very intelligent candidate, the work being as well done as was possible under the discouraging circumstances. I trust my successor may find a more encouraging condition of affairs, when he makes his official visit. To the brethren who were present I feel very grateful for the effort they made to render the visit as pleasant as possible.

Durham Lodge, No. 66, Newcastle—My visit to this lodge was made on June 21st, 1910, although the heat was intense, a goodly number were present to greet me, W. Bro. Bryans, the W. M., and W. Bro. A. W. McLeod, the indefatigable Secretary, conducted me to the hall. This lodge has had a year of prosperity, and the brethren are looking hopefully toward the future. The work of the F. C. Degree was put on in a most commendable way. The finances were found in a good condition, and the books well and neatly kept. As the result of the discussion at the Lodge of Instruction, the members of Durham Lodge shortly afterwards passed an order for $32.00, the amount due to the S. C. B. Fund, and the money was immediately forwarded to the Grand Secretary.

Orono Lodge, No. 325, Orono—This, my last official visit was made June 24th, St. John's Day. I was very comfortably housed at the hospitable home of W. Bro. Cuttle. Owing to the intense heat there was not a very large attendance, but those present were very enthusiastic. After the conferring of the Third Degree, which was done in a very creditable manner, I had the honor of installing the officers for

the ensuing year, in which I was ably assisted by I. P. M., W. Bro. S. Cuttle. The new officers closed down the lodge in a manner that showed they were prepared for their work, and I confidently predict a good year for this lodge. After some discussion, a small balance due the S. C. B. Fund was ordered to be paid.

In closing up my report, I find in answer to inquiries, that in the case of each lodge the funds are kept in a chartered bank, and are paid out by cheque, signed by the proper officers; also that two Masonic halls in this district still remain undedicated, viz.: that of Jerusalem Lodge, No. 31, Bowmanville, and that of Clementi Lodge, No. 313, Lakefield. In yielding up the insignia of office to my successor, I wish again to thank the brethren for conferring upon me the honor, of representing the M. W. the Grand Master in this District, and for the uniform kindness with which they have treated me during my term of office.

S. P. FORD, D.D.G.M.
Otonabee District, No. 20.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Table shewing the work done in Otonabee District, No. 20, from June 24th, 1909, to June 24th, 1910

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Membership			Degree's Conf'rd			Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions. N.P.D.	Suspensions, other causes	Deceased	Meet'gs held			Average attn'ce of members	Amount paid for relief		No. me'b'rs 12 m'ths in arr'rs	Total of all arrearages	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W. M. work all degrees	Insurance
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	Decrease during year	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.							Regular	Emergent	Total										
26	Ontario	Port Hope	132	8	6	7	4	4	1	..	3	2	..	1	14	6	20	17	342 50		30	310 00	June 24, '10	Good	Good	Yes	$1200
31	Jerusalem	Bowmanville	106	3	..	5	6	4	..	..	1	..	..	..	11	1	12	29	136 00		2	11 50	June 24, '10	Good	Good	Yes	$1400
66	Durham	Newcastle	54	10	1	9	6	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	10	4	14	15			2	10 00	June 24, '10	Good	Good	Yes	$300
101	Corinthian	Peterboro	157	14	4	9	6	6	5	..	2	..	..	2	11	5	16	24	48 00		14	197 50	June 30, '10	Good	Good	Yes	$2000
114	Hope	Port Hope	153	6	1	6	5	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	15	1	16	42	25 00		15	95 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	burned
145	J. B. Hall	Millbrook	56	2	..	3	4	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	10	2	12	18	25 00		9	43 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	Yes
155	Peterboro	Peterboro	232	13	7	11	9	8	2	..	1	3	..	3	13	5	18	43	90 00		14	52 75	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	insured
223	Norwood	Norwood	91	6	6	5	4	2	1	..	4	2	..	..	12	2	14	20			..		Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	No	$500
313	Clementi	Lakefield	89	12	..	7	8	6	5	..	..	..	..	..	12	1	13	24			3	24 86	June 25, '10	Good	Good	Yes	$200
325	Orono	Orono	43	5	..	5	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	2	14	13			13	64 10	June 24, '10	Good	Good	Yes	$400
374	Keene	Keene	33	1	..	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	14	..	14	8			12	186 00	Mar. 31, '10	Good	Good	No	
375	Lorne	Omemee	40	2	..	2	1	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	8	2	10	9			5	60 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Fair	No	$500
435	Havelock	Havelock	96	7	6	7	8	8	..	..	4	2	..	..	11	3	14	19			13	107 50	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	$400

EASTERN DISTRICT NO. 21

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor of submitting my report on the condition of Masonry in Eastern District, No. 21, for the past year. I have already thanked the delegates of the District by circular, for the honor which they have conferred upon me by electing me to the high and honorable position of D.D.G.M., and now avail myself of this opportunity to return sincere thanks to the members of the District individually and collectively for the great kindness and consideration shown me during my official visits to the several lodges. It affords me much pleasure to report after visiting every lodge in the District that the work as a whole is well done and very uniform, the books are well kept, particularly when a Past Master has charge or where a P.D.D.G.M. like R. W. Bro. John Smith of Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186, is Secretary. His books are a full and complete history of the lodge, even to the smallest detail, and will be very valuable for future references. In every lodge in the District I have found that business was conducted on business principles, the funds were deposited in the bank to the credit of the lodge, and withdrawn only on the order of the W. M., countersigned by the Secretary, and the cheque issued by the Treasurer.

Owing to the energy and zeal of the brethren of Alexandria Lodge, No. 439, I had the pleasure of conducting a Lodge of Instruction assisted by R. W. Bro. John Smith, P.D.D.G.M., R. W. Bro. J. G. Harkness, P.D.D.G.M., and others ,on June 7th, the date of my official visit, the attendance, considering the wet weather, was very large, and the proceedings were interesting, and, I hope, instructive. The First Degree was exemplified by W. Bro. A. A. Smith and the officers of Cornwall Lodge, No. 125,

and the work was done with that precision and accuracy for which this lodge is noted. The Second Degree was put on by the officers of Lancaster Lodge, No. 207, and reflected great credit on those who participated. An adjournment was then made until evening. On resuming in the evening, the Third Degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Bowden and officers of St. John's Lodge, No. 21a, of Vankleek Hill, in a manner which was almost faultless, showing careful study and practice on the part of the officers who officiated. As the hour was getting late and I had a thirty mile drive before me, R. W. Bro. Smith kindly consented to take charge of the proceedings, and to answer any questions, which might arise during the discussion of the work in the several degrees. Among those in attendance was R. W. Bro. Rev. Dr. Cobb, Past Grand Chaplain.

VISITATIONS

Excelsior Lodge, No. 142, Morrisburg—Visited this lodge at the regular communication on February the 18th. There was a fair attendance of members, and the work, which was a Second Degree, was very well done, considering the short time the officers had filled their respective positions. The Auditors' Report showed the lodge to be in a very good position financially; they also made some recommendations, which, when carried out, will place the lodge on a sound basis. The Secretary is a very capable officer, and when the new books recommended by the Auditors are procured, will no doubt prove a most efficient Secretary. A committee was appointed to advance the interests of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, and in a short time I hope No. 142 will show a clean sheet in this respect. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. G. M. Gorrell, Grand Registrar, who is a member of this lodge; andW. Bro. J. C. Boyd, of Sault Ste Marie, who is located at present in Morrisburg, and is a most enthusiastic Mason. With the officers now occupying the positions in this lodge I feel assured that Excelsior, No. 142, will soon rank as one of the best lodges in the District. The hospitality of the Morrisburg brethren is proverbial, and I have to thank them for a most pleasant evening spent after the work of the lodge was over.

Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186, Plantagenet—This lodge was visited at the regular communication on the evening of February 21st. W. Bro. Jones and Bro. Jouse of St. John's Lodge, Vankleek Hill, kindly accompanied me on this visit. The attendance was small which was owing principally to the state of the roads which were very bad. There was no work on the summons, but the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, in a manner which speaks well for the officers in charge. All the officers are proficient in the work and the books in the hands of R. W. Bro. John Smith, the Secretary, are as near perfection as it is possible to be, and I cannot speak too highly of the manner in which he performs the duties of his office. The lodge room though small is a marvel of neatness, and the furnishings are of the best. This is one of the lodges which has paid their full appropriation to the Semi-Centennial Fund. The funds are deposited in the bank to the credit of the lodge and are withdrawn on the order of the W. M. and Secretary. I consider this to be one of the best lodges in the District.

St. John's Lodge, No. 21A, Vankleek Hill—Visited his Lodge, on February 22nd. There was a very large attendance of members and visitors, including a contingent from Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186. The work consisted of two initiations, which were put on by W. Bro. Bowden and his officers in a first-class manner, the Junior Warden's lecture being particularly well delivered by Bro. E. H. Elvidge. This is the oldest lodge in the District, its warrant dating from 1844, and was the first lodge of Irish origin in Upper Canada, the old furniture comprising the chairs of the W. M. and Wardens, and are still in use, and are fine specimens of the cabinetmaker's art. The lodge is securing new and more commodious quarters, and when located will have one of the finest lodge rooms in the District. The lodge is in a good position financially, and hopes to clear off the balance owing to the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund in a short time. The books, in the hands of Bro. D. A. McRae, are well and neatly kept, and the lodge is to be congratulated on having such an efficient officer. The funds are deposited in the bank to the credit of the lodge,

and the affairs are conducted in a business-like manner. I have to thank W. Bros. Bowden and Jones, Bros. Elvidge, McRae and others for their kindness and courtesy to me during my visit, and I am sure that Lodge No. 21a has a bright future before it.

Hawkesbury Lodge, No. 450, Hawkesbury—This lodge was visited at an emergent communication, on February 23rd. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, including W. Bros. Bowden and Jones and Bros. Elvidge and McRae, of St. John's Lodge, Vankleek Hill, and W. Bro. Magwood of Cornwall Lodge, No. 125. The work of the evening was a Second Degree and the quality of the work was of the best. W. Bro. McGibbon is an ideal Master and he has an able staff of officers to assist him. The Secretary was absent from town, but Bro. McWatters, who has charge in the meantime had put the books in first-class shape. The amount of dues outstanding is larger than it should be, but the W. M. promised to take early action in the matter and have the arrears disposed of. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. E. A. Johnston, who is a descendant of Hiram Johnston, at whose house, St. John's Lodge, No. 21a, then No. 159, used to meet in 1860. R. W. Bro. Johnston, who lives at L'Original, seldom fails to attend the lodge meetings, and owing to his large experience in Masonic matters, his counsel and advice are very valuable to members of the lodge. The claims of the Semi-Centennial Fund were laid before the brethren and the W. M. promised to appoint a strong committee to advance the same. The lodge meets at present in a building owned by the Catholic Order of Foresters, but contemplates removing to other and more comfortable quarters in a short time. The funds are deposited in the bank to the credit of the lodge and are withdrawn on the order of the W. M. and Secretary. The brethren of Hawkesbury are very hospitable and the recollections of my visit are very pleasant.

Cardinal Lodge, U. D., Cardinal—Visited this lodge at the regular meeting on March 11th, and found everything in first-class shape. The lodge room is nicely furnished and the membership increasing very rapidly. The work was the First Degree and the an-

ner in which it was conferred would make many an older lodge envious. R. W. Bro. J. F. Graham, of Prescott, who has been acting as Worshipful Master since the lodge received its dispensation, has certainly brought the officers to a high state of perfection. Bro. Clark, the veteran Secretary, is a most valuable officer; his books are in fine shape, and the dues are promptly collected and paid over to the Treasurer at once, and deposited by him in the bank to the credit of the lodge. The attendance of members was good and there were quite a number of visitors from Friendly Brothers Lodge of Iroquois. Cardinal Lodge has a bright future before it. I would strongly recommend the granting of a charter to this lodge at the coming meeting of Grand Lodge.

Wales Lodge, No. 458, Wales—This lodge was visited officially at the regular meeting on the evening of March 21st. There was a good attendance of members and visitors, among the latter being R. W. Bro. Pitts, Grand Chaplain, and W. Bro. Fraser, Treasurer of Henderson Lodge, No. 383, Winchester. This lodge had the misfortune of being burned out several years ago, but they have fully recovered from the effects of the fire and now have as comfortable and as well furnished a lodge room as there is in the District, and have also paid their full proportion of the Semi-Centennial Fund. The work of the evening was two Passings, and W. Bro. Murray and his officers performed the work in a manner which was very creditable, the floor work being particularly well done. R. W. Bro. the Rev. C. O. Carson is a member of this lodge and under his careful supervision it naturally follows that the work must be well done. The books in the hands of W. Bro. Warren are all that could be desired and the dues are promptly collected. The funds are deposited in the bank and the usual safeguards are adopted. Bro. Norris, District Secretary, who accompanied me, and the other visitors were entertained in a manner which will long be remembered.

Lancaster Lodge, No. 207, Lancaster—Visited this lodge at the regular communication on March 22nd, there was a good attendance and the work, which consisted of two initiations, was fairly well done and with a little more time W. Bro. McLaren and his offi-

cers will be equal to any in the district, the floor work of the Senior Deacon, Rev. Bro. Pate, being particularly well done. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Rev. Dr. Cobb, Past Grand Chaplain, who is located in this vicinity and is a regular attendant at the meetings of the lodge. The brethren have lately purchased a large building in a convenient locality, which they intend to remodel and convert to Masonic use, and when completed they will have one of the finest Masonic homes in the district. The books of the lodge are well and carefully kept by Bro. McGillis, who has been Secretary for a number of years, and who is a very efficient and capable officer. The funds are deposited in the bank and are strictly guarded. The Treasurer's bank deposit book shows a comfortable balance on the right side, and altogether I consider the prospects of Lancaster lodge to be very bright.

Chesterville Lodge, No. 320, Chesterville—Visited this lodge officially at the regular meeting on April 18th. There was a very large attendance of members and visitors, the latter being from Williamsburg, Chrysler, Winchester and Montreal. This lodge is recovering from the effects of a fire which completely wiped them out, but, with that Masonic spirit which Chesterville brethren so largely possess, they secured premises in a new building, and they now have one of the finest lodge rooms in the district, and when the furnishings are complete they will have rooms to be proud of. The First Degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Morrison and his officers in a manner that was almost faultless, the lecture by the Junior Warden, Bro. Becker, beng particularly good. Chesterville Lodge is particularly fortunate in having as its Secretary W. Bro. Rev. S. A. Woods, whose books are models of neatness and accuracy. The funds are deposited in the bank to the credit of the lodge and are safely guarded, the dues are well paid up, and the Semi-Centennial Fund is receiving close attention. The year so far has been a prosperous one, no fewer than ten applications having been received, and all of superior quality. The hospitality of the Chesterville brethren is well known, and on this occasion they fully sustained their reputation.

Winchester Lodge, No. 383, Winchester—This lodge was visited officially at an emergent meeting on the 19th of April. Owing to a heavy rainstorm the attendance was not as large as usual, but the brethren fully made up in enthusiasm what they lacked in numbers. This is one of the best furnished lodges in the district, the rooms are very spacious and well laid out and everything is in first-class shape. The portals of the lodge are carefully guarded, and a candidate for Masonry must be above reproach. The work was a Second Degree, which was well done, considering that the W. M., W. Bro. Latimer, had only been out of the hospital for a short time, having undergone a serious operation. The Wardens are well informed in their duties, and the floor work of the Deacon was very good. Bro. Payne, the Secretary, is new to the position, but will in a short time make a most capable officer. The claims of the Semi-Centennial Fund were placed before the brethren and were fully discussed, and I was very much pleased next morning when I was informed by W. Bro. Sweet that they were sending a cheque to the Grand Secretary in full payment of the balance due by them. I was most hospitably entertained after the meeting, an orchestra adding much to the enjoyment of the occasion. The funds of the lodge are safely guarded and carefully chequed out.

Farran's Point Lodge, No. 256, Aultsville—Accompanied by Bro. Norris, District Secretary, I visited this lodge at the regular meeting on April 21st. Attendance of members and visitors was very large. The work consisted of two Passings, and was exemplified by W. Bro. Edwards and his officers in a manner which showed careful and painstaking effort. The lodge-room is large and well furnished and the membership is increasing very fast. The books, in the hands of R. W. Bro. Hanes, are all that could be desired, the dues are promptly collected and the finances are in good shape and are put in the bank to the credit of the lodge. The Past Masters of which there are a number, keep up their interest in the lodge and are of great assistance to their younger brethren. The hour of relaxation which followed the work was most enjoyable.

Avonmore Lodge, No. 452, Avonmore—This lodge was visited at an emergent meeting on the evening of April 29th. A fair number of brethren were in attendance, considering that it was raining very heavily, the night being very cold and the darkness intense. There was no work, but W. Bro. McNaughton and his officers opened and closed in the three degrees in a very satisfactory manner, considering that the W. M. is residing in Montreal and is only able to visit the lodge on nights of meeting, no doubt at a considerable inconvenience and expense to himself. The Wardens are well posted and perform their duties in a manner which shows careful training. The Secretary, W. Bro. Shaver, is a very efficient officer and his books are well kept. The funds are deposited in the bank and are carefully guarded. They are gradu ally paying up their proportion of the Semi-Centennial Fund and hope in a short time to have a clean sheet. The lodge has picked up wonderfully in the last year, which speaks well for the officers in charge, and I think that they have a bright future before them. I was most hospitably entertained, and my recollections of Avonmore Lodge are very pleasant.

Maxville Lodge, No. 418, Maxville—Accompanied by W. Bro. Bradley of Alexandria Lodge, I visited the above lodge at the regular meeting on the 18th of May. The attendance was small, owing to the fact that the farmers were very busy putting in their crops. There was no work on the summons, but the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in a manner which was very satisfactory. The lodge-room is large and very well furnished, and the Secretary, Bro. McDougall, is a capable and painstaking officer, and his books are in good shape. The funds are deposited in the bank to the credit of the lodge and the dues are well paid up. This lodge has not paid anything to the Semi-Centennial Fund as yet, but I think they will do so in a short time. W. Bro. Walsh, the Master of the lodge, is very popular among the brethren, and I am sure that before his term of office is over he will have a first-class lodge in every respect. The brethren were very hospitable and a very pleasant evening was spent in Maxville Lodge.

Friendly Brothers Lodge, No. 143, Iroquois—This lodge was visited at the regular meeting on the 13th of May. The attendance was large, considering that this lodge lost many members when Cardinal Lodge was instituted, as they are only a few miles apart. There being no work, the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in a very satisfactory manner, the work of the Deacons being all that could be desired. The Master, W. Bro. Harkness, is, I think, the youngest Master in the District and very enthusiastic, and the Wardens are well posted in their several stations. The Secretary, Bro. Wood, is a very capable officer and has been kept busy doing work which had been neglected by his predecessor. I instructed the lodge to procure a new set of books, as the old ones are getting very dilapidated. The dues outstanding are very small, which speaks well for the energy of the Secretary. The balance due the Semi-Centennial Fund will be settled in a short time, as they are very desirous of showing a clean sheet in this respect. The funds are deposited in the bank to the credit of the lodge. The lodge is in a prosperous condition, as was evidenced by the report of the Auditors, which was very full and complete and was one of the best I have ever seen submitted. I must express my thanks to the officers and members of Friendly Brothers Lodge for the kindness and courtesy shown me on my official visit.

Williamsburg Lodge, No. 480, Williamsburg—Accompanied by R. W. Bro. Gorrell, Grand Registrar, and six of the brethren of Excelsior Lodge, Morrisburg, I visited this lodge on the 19th of May. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, and the work, which was a First Degree, was exceptionally well done, all the officers being thoroughly well posted. Until Cardinal Lodge was instituted, about a year and a half ago, Williamsburg was the "baby" lodge of the district, but now it is a wonderfully healthy infant, and, under the supervision of W. Bro. Strader, the W. M., is one of the best lodges in the district. The lecture by the Junior Warden was particularly good and the floor work of the Deacons was excellent. The books of the Secretary, W. Bro. Barkley, are in fine shape and care-

fully kept and would do credit to any lodge. The dues are promptly collected and the amount outstanding is not large. The funds are deposited in the bank and are well guarded. They have very comfortable quarters, centrally located and well furnished. The visiting brethren were entertained in a manner which left nothing to be desired, and which will long be remembered.

Alexandria Lodge, No. 439, Alexandria—Accompanied by a number of the brethren of Cornwall Lodge I visited this lodge on the 7th day of June, driving thirty miles over some of the worst roads in all my experience. The Alexandria brethren were holding a Lodge of Instruction on that date, full details of which are given elsewhere. The attendance of members and visitors was very large, the visitors coming from all parts of the district. This is a very progressive lodge at the present time. For some years it had been practically dormant, but for some years past has initiated first-class material, who have been most enthusiastic, and the lodge is now on the high road to success. The only drawback, and a very serious one, is the large amount of arrears on the books, and those arrears are confined to a half-dozen members, whose dues have been allowed to run on from year to year. I impressed upon them strongly the absolute necessity of at once taking steps to have those arrears disposed of. Fortunately for the lodge, they have as Secretary W. Bro. George Bradley, I.P.M., who will certainly do his duty in the matter, and whose books are simply perfect. I take this opportunity to thank W. Bro Bradley for his kindness on many occasions while on my visits in his locality. The funds of the lodge are deposited in the bank with the usual safeguards, and the Semi-Centennial Fund is receiving their closest consideration. Altogether the outlook for this lodge is very bright.

Cornwall Lodge, No. 125—I made my official visit to this, my mother lodge, on the evening of St. John's Day, June 24th. There was a large attendance, including a number of visitors. There was no work on hand, as Cornwall lodge always arranges to have all work completed before closing down for the

months of July and August. This is the largest lodge in the district, and the quality of the work done is of the very best. There are fifteen Past Masters, who are active members and have never lost their interest in Masonry, and any one of them can confer a degree at any time when called upon. The affairs of the lodge are conducted on business principles and by business men, and the attendance of the officers is remarkably good. As I have had the honor of occupying the position of Secretary for a number of years, I would prefer to refer to the reports of the preceding D.D.G.Ms. in regard to the manner in which the books of the lodge are kept. I have a most invaluable assistant in the person of Bro. T. A. Norris, the District Secretary, who is always at his post, and by his kindness and courtesy has won the esteem and confidence of the brethren. W. Bro. the Rev. S. Gower Poole, the District Chaplain, is also a member of this lodge and officiates when the brethren attend divine service. I consider Cornwall Lodge to be one of the best lodges on the register of the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN RIDLEY, D.D.G.M.,

Eastern District, No. 21.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table shewing the work done in Eastern District, No. 21, from June 24th, 1909, to June 24th, 1910

Number of Lodge	Name of Lodge	Location	Membership			Degree's Conf'd									Meet'gs held			Average atten'ce of members	Amount paid for relief	No. me'b'rs 12 m'ths in arr'rs	Total of all arrearages	Date of last G. L. return	Financial standing	Prospects of Lodge	Can W.M. work all degrees	Insurance
			Total No. of all Mem.	Increase during year	Decrease during year	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliations	Restorations	Resignations	Suspensions, N.P.D.	Suspensions other causes	Deceased	Regular	Emergent	Total									
21a	St. John's	Vankleek Hill	69	..	..	7	4	3	..	..	..	1	..	1	13	1	14	20	24 00	10	37 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	$600
125	Cornwall	Cornwall	110	8	2	8	8	7	2	..	2	..	..	..	12	1	13	36	25 00	3	12 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	$900
142	Excelsior	Morrisburg	70	..	..	3	3	3	1	1	4	1	..	..	10	3	13	15	10 00	20	79 00	Dec. 27, '09	Good	Good	Yes	Yes
143	F. Brothers.	Iroquois	95	..	8	2	2	1	..	..	6	3	..	1	14	2	16	13		22	73 75	Dec. 27, '09	Fair	Fair	Yes	Yes
186	Plantagenet	Plantagenet	49	5	9	4	4	4	..	1	3	6	..	2	10	1	11	12	10 00	14	59 50	June 24, '10	Good	Fair	Yes	$500
207	Lancaster	Lancaster	90	16	4	15	12	9	3	2	4	..	..	..	13	6	19	18	10 00	26	216 00	Dec. '09	Fair	Good	Yes	$350
256	Farran's Pt.	Aultsville	82	3	5	2	2	1	1	3	..	7	..	1	12	1	13	17		20	80 00	Dec. '09	Good	Good	Yes	$1300
320	Chesterville	Chesterville	80	13	..	6	2	1	2	7	3	..	..	..	12	5	17	17		6	53 00	Dec. '09	Good	splendid	Yes	$500
383	Henderson	Winchester	97	..	1	5	3	6	1	..	7	3	..	1	11	5	16	20		5	45 00	Dec. '09	Good	Good	Yes	$500
418	Maxville	Maxville	..	4	3	3	3	2	1	..	3	..	..	..	13	1	14	15		10	85 50	Dec. '09	Better	Better	Yes	$300
439	Alexandria	Alexandria	68	15	..	14	13	13	1	1	1	..	..	1	19	14	33	12		22	264 28	Feb. '09	Fair	Good	Yes	
450	Hawkesbury	Hawkesbury	55	2	..	2	2	2	1	2	2	..	..	1	10	1	11	11		31	259 75	Jan. 15, '10		Fair	Yes	$250
452	Avonmore	Avonmore	47	2	..	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	2	15	10		13	41 75	June '10	Fair	Good	Yes	$300
458	Wales	Wales	67	3	..	4	4	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	14	1	15	16	20 00	8	34 00	June '10	Good	Good	Yes	$400
480	Williamsb'rg	Williamsburg	32	4	..	4	3	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	19	..	19	25		..	.....	June '10	Good	Good	Yes	$300
UD.	Cardinal	Cardinal	37	8	..	8	8	11	2	..	..	..	..	..	12	1	13	15		..	....	June '10	Fair	Good	Yes	$300

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON WARRANTS.

R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. A. J. Young, Chairman of the Committee on Warrants:

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Warrants, beg to report as follows:

The Board recommends that warrants be granted to the following lodges now under dispensation:

Cardinal Lodge, Cardinal.
Karnak Lodge, Coldwater.
St. Mary's Lodge, St. Marys.
Riverdale Lodge, Toronto.
Electric Lodge, Hamilton.
University Lodge, Toronto.

With reference to St. Andrew's Lodge, Arden, under dispensation since the 24th day of June, 1908, we recommend that this warrant be not granted and that the M. W., the Grand Master, appoint some competent brother to inquire into all the circumstances surrounding St. Andrew's Lodge, and if, in the opinion of this brother, the lodge is so situated or circumstances are such as to raise grave doubts of its ultimate success, the dispensation be withdrawn. If the report is satisfactory to the M. W., the Grand Master, the dispensation to be continued until next meeting of Grand Lodge. From the books produced and from the information given your committee, we are of the opinion that it would not be in the best interests of masonry to grant a warrant to a lodge situated in the Village of Arden, but we do not desire to do any injustice, and consider that in fairness to the petitioning brethren the matter should be further investigated.

Your Committee further desire to recommend that this board order that standard books of account and registration be prepared and whenever a dispensation for a new lodge is granted the petitioners be required to purchase a complete set of these books.

In examining the books of the various lodges under dispensation presented to us we found as many different methods of bookkeeping as there were sets of books and some of the methods were such as could not be approved of. The difficulty seemed to be a want of knowledge as to how a set of books of a Masonic lodge should be kept.

All of which is fraternally submitted on behalf of the Committee.

A. J. YOUNG,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, seconded by R. W. Bro. A. J. Young, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Warrants be received and adopted.

CALLED OFF.

At 12.30 o'clock p.m. Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet again at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

CALLED ON.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

M. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Grand Master, on the throne, grand officers, members and representatives.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON PRINTING AND SUPPLIES.

R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W Bro. W. G. Eakins, Chairman of the Committee on Printing and Supplies:

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committtee on Printing and Supplies, beg to report as follows:

The Board will endeavor to place the various reports of the Standing Committees in the hands of the Brethren as soon as possible after their submission thereto.

Fraternally submitted,

W. GEORGE EAKINS,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. G. Eakins, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Printing and Supplies be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON AUDIT AND FINANCE.

R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by R. W.

Bro. George S. May, Chairman of the Committee on Audit and Finance:

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Audit and Finance, beg to report that they have audited the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and have pleasure in certifying to their correctness.

All funds received by the Grand Secretary have been deposited to the credit of the Grand Treasurer in the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

The Grand Treasurer has produced vouchers for all payments made by him as auhorized by Grand Lodge.

The report of the Grand Secretary gives a full account of the receipts from all sources, as well as other business transacted in his office .

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Revenue

The total receipts have been		$41,207 39
The total expenditures have been as follows:		
General purposes	$15,186 53	
Benevolent orders	24,124 00	
		39,310 53
A surplus of revenue over expenditure of		$1,896 86

GENERAL ACCOUNT
Statement of Assets at May 31st, 1910

Securities	Rate of Interest Bearing %	Rate of Interest Yielding %	Cost Value	Face Value
DEBENTURES				
Central Canada Loan & Savings Co.	4	4 1/8	$ 15,000 00	$ 15,000 00
Landed Banking & Loan Company	4 3/8	4 3/8	10,000 00	10,000 00
Toronto General Trusts Corporation	4 5/8	4 5/8	11,000 00	11,000 00
Berlin, Town of	5	4 1/2	6,884 87	6,718 92
Berlin, Town of	5	5	5,523 08	5,523 08
Brantford, City of	4	3 7/8	8,173 60	8,000 00
Brockville, Town of	4	3 9/16	3,131 45	3,000 00
Brockville, Town of	4	4 1/2	3,870 92	4,132 95
Brockville, Town of	4	4 3/8	4,132 77	4,348 45
Hamilton, City of	4	4 3/4	2,777 70	3,000 00
Kincardine, Town of	5	4 7/8	509 80	500 00
New Westminster, City of	5	4 3/4	5,208 50	5,000 00
New Westminster, City of	5	4.8	5,125 50	5,000 00
Port Arthur, City of	5	4 7/8	1,009 31	1,000 00
St. Thomas, City of	4	4 1/16	12,026 07	12,148 50
Strathcona, City of	4 1/2	4 3/4	4,842 00	5,018 28
Toronto, City of	3 1/2	4.05	4,484 14	4,866 66
Toronto, City of	3 1/2	5	5,394 09	5,626 47
			$109,093 80	$109,883 31
Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce 31st May, 1910			$4,726 43	
Less cheques outstanding 31st May, 1910			470 24	
				4,256 19
				$114,139 50

During the year the following debentures matured—

Canadian Savings and Loan Co.	$ 5,000 00	
Hamilton Provident and Loan Society	15,000 00	
City of Berlin	580 32	
Ontario Loan and Debenture Co.	5,000 00	
Town of Brockville	344 29	
		$25,924 61

Which have been invested in the following securities—

Investments.

City of New Westminster	$ 5,208 50	
City of New Westminster	5,125 50	
City of Strathcona	4,842 00	
Toronto General Trusts Corporation Guarantee Agreement	11,000 00	
		$26,176 00

We have had placed before us for inspection the Bond of the Grand Secretary in the United States Fidelity and Guarantee Company for the sum of $5,000.00. The same is in the keeping of the Grand Treasurer.

We would recommend that the Grand Master renew the said Bond on its maturity, the premium to be paid for by Grand Lodge.

Semi-Centennial Fund.

Your Committee are pleased to report that this fund has been materially increased during the past year. By reference to the report of the Grand Secretary it will be found that on May 31st, 1910, the amount of contributions (capital) on hand was $67,850.63. Since that date the sum of $5,930.02 has been received. The total now reaches the sum of $73,780.70. With a little extra effort and enthusiasm on the part of Masters of Lodges and District Deputy Grand Masters, during the coming year the balance of this fund may be collected before our next annual communication.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL BENEVOLENT FUND

Statement of Assets at May 31st, 1910

Securities	Rate of Interest		Cost Value	Face Value
	Bearing %	Yielding %		
DEBENTURES				
Berlin, City of	5	4½	$ 1,480 77	$ 1,418 64
East Toronto, Town of	5	5½	1,600 08	1,635 12
Galt, Town of	4	5	1,695 60	2,000 00
Ingersoll, Town of	4	5	891 60	1,000 00
Kincardine, Town of	5	4⅞	1,019 60	1,000 00
Oshawa, Town of	4½	4½	5,272 13	5 272 13
Ottawa, City of	5	4	10,529 00	10,'000 00
Owen Sound, Town of	4½	5	940 10	1,000 00
Owen Sound, Town of	5	4¼	2,200 80	2,000 00
Peterborough, City of	3	4	1,693 20	2,000 00
Peterborough, City of	4	5	907 90	1,000 00
St. Catharines, City of	4	4¼	5,141 74	5,319 96
Saltfleet, Township of	5	4¾	4,119 22	4,000 00
Seaforth, Town of	5	4¾	4,105 56	4,000 00
Toronto, City of	3½	4	4,830 50	5,000 00
Woodstock, City of	4½	4.05	4,240 00	4,000 00
Hamilton Masonic Hall Association Stock		5	100 00	100 00
Calgary, City of	4½	4½	3,980 00	4,000 00
Ottawa, City of	4	4½	1,951 80	2,000 00
North Vancouver, Dist. of	4½	4¾	2,880 60	3,000 00
Sault Ste. Marie, Town of	5	4¾	1,862 64	1,800 00
Toronto General Trusts Corporation Guarantee Agreement	4⅝	4⅝	5,000 00	5,000 00
			$66,442 84	$66,545 85
Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce 31st May, 1910			$6,199 54	
Less outstanding cheques			2,850 00	
				3,349 54
				$ 69,895 39

Your Committee have examined the summary of expenditure in the Grand Secretary's Report amounting to $15,186.53, and have found it correct, and recommend the same for approval of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary has also submitted to Grand Lodge for authorization the following estimate of receipts and expenditure for the current year, which meets with the approval of your committee.

Estimate of Receipts for the year Ending May 31st, 1911

Certificates	$ 100 00	
Dues	24.000 00	
Fees	10,000 00	
Dispensations	400 00	
Warrants	70 00	
Constitutions, Ceremonies, Etc.	1,000 00	
Commutation of Dues	1,400 00	
Miscellaneous	700 00	
Interests on Investments	5,000 00	
	42,670 00	
Interest on Semi-Centennial Investments	3,200 00	
		$45,876 00

Estimate of Expenditure for the Year Ending May 31st, 1911.

Salary of Grand Treasurer	$ 200 00	
Salary of Grand Secretary	2,500 00	
Salary of Auditor	300 00	
Salary of Chief Clerk	800 00	
Salary of Stenographer	720 00	
Salary of Clerk	600 00	
Superannuation allowance of former Chief Clerk	800 00	
Printing and stationery	2,800 00	
Incidental expenses Grand Secretary's office	900 00	
Certificates and Warrants	1,200 00	
Office Rent	460 00	
Office Fuel	75 00	
Expenses of Grand Lodge and B. of G. P. meetings	1,400 00	
Expense of Commissions and Delegations	300 00	
Inspection of Benevolent Grants	1,000 00	
Postage of D. G. M. and Chairman of Committee on Benevolence	50 00	
Travelling Expenses of Grand Master	700 00	
Stenographer for Grand Master	100 00	
Stenographer for Deputy Grand Master	25 00	
Rent of Telephone	57 00	
Insurance on Furniture, Regalia, etc.	100 00	
Rent of Safety Deposit Box	25 00	
Masonic Relief Association	230 00	
R. W. Bro. Nixon, attendance at Benevolence Committee (special)	25 00	
Sundry Expenses	150 00	

Chairman Foreign Correspondence	150 00	
Grants for Benevolence	28,890 00	
Total Expenditure on General Account	$44,157 00	
Grants from Semi-Centennial Fund	4,560 00	
		$48,717 00

Your Committee recommend that the interest accrued on Semi-Centennial Fund Capital investments to 31st May, 1907, amounting to the sum of $2,173.80 be transferred to the credit of the Semi-Centennial Fund Revenue Account, for distribution by the Committee on Benevolence.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. S. MAY,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, seconded by R. W. Bro. George S. May, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Audit and Finance be received

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON BENEVOLENCE.

R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, which was read by M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence:

REPORT

The Board, through the Committee on Benevolence, begs leave to report as follows:

During the year which has elapsed since the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge the chairman of the Committee on Benevolence has, with the approval of the M. W., the Grand Master and the President of the Board of General Purposes, made interim grants to applicants amounting to the sum of $845.00 .

65 grants have been made from the interest on the investment of the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund, amouting to the sum of $4,560.00.

The Board is gratified to be able to report that the Semi-Centennial Fund amounted to the sum of $51,760.00 on the 31st day of May, 1909, and that returns since that date have on 31st May, 1910, brought the fund up to $67,850.68.

The Board is pleased to note that the response to the request of Grand Lodge for this fund has been much more generous during the past year and express the hope that the whole amount will be paid at an early date.

For the purpose of again laying before the members the great need there is for this fund, the Board submits the following extracts from the reports of the Inspector of Benevolent Grants:

1. "Bro. P. 65 years of age; he has one daughter, aged ten; He was formerly in good circumstances, but lost his means. In

March, 1909, he had a stroke of paralysis, since which time he has been totally disabled and gone blind. His wife makes a little by sewing, but as he requires constant attention, she cannot do much."

2. "Bro. R. is 42 years of age. Some years ago he had a severe attack of rheumatism, and being unable to work, was compelled to live on what he had saved. He has used up all his savings, is gradually getting worse, and has now become totally blind. During the last year he has had to depend upon what little he could get from his friends and the grant from Grand Lodge."

3. "Bro. S. is 85 years of age. He has no children or other relatives. He formerly lived in a small house alone, but for the last year he has been living with friends, upon whom he has no claims except as a Mason. He has no means or property, and depends entirely upon the charity of his Masonic brethren."

4. "Bro. P. is 30 years of age. He is totally disabled by Rheumatoid Arthrites, cannot move a joint in his body, is lifted out of bed in the morning on to a chair and lifted back to his bed at night, and that is his life. He has no relatives or friends upon whom he could depend for help, is an inmate of the House of Incurables. There is absolutely no hope of his recovery."

5. "Mrs. A. is a widow, 41 years of age, she has two daughters aged two and one. She does any kind of work she can get. When called upon she was at work in a canning factory, having left the two children with a neighbor. The little ones do not look very strong. Mrs. A. appears to be doing her best, but is having a very hard time.

6. "Mrs. A. is 30 years of age. She has one daughter two years old—Bro. A. died of consumption in 1908, after a long illness, leaving no insurance and Mrs. A. and her baby are not in good health. She has no means or property, and depends entirely on her own exertions and the grant of Grand Lodge."

The Board recommends that in the case of new applicants the cheques be withheld until the Inspector makes his report.

The Board recommends that the subscription to the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada be continued.

431 applications were received this year and have been disposed of as follows namely:

213 grants through lodges amounting to $15,770.00

217 grants through Local Boards amounting to $11,600.00 and there was one application refused.

Special grants authorized by Grand Lodge—

Mrs. T. D. Harington	$300 00
Miss Mary Wilson	300 00
Miss M. H. Harris	75 00
	$675 00
Total Amount of Grants made from General Fund at this Annual Communication	$27,370 00
Interim grants made from General Fund since last meeting of Grand Lodge	845 00
Interim Grants from Semi-Centennial Fund since last meeting of Grand Lodge	$ 317 34

Grants recommended from Semi-Centennial Fund at this Communication 4,560 00

4,877 34

Total Grants this year $33,767 34

The Grants made by lodges during the year as shown by the District Deputy Grand Masters' reports amount in the aggregate to about $17,000.00.

In accordance with Rule 7, on Benevolence, cheques for grants made through the following lodges will be withheld until proper returns have been received from these lodges as to the disposal made of last year's grants.

Nos. 2, 10, 34, 39, 48, 90, 98, 119, 120, 128, 131, 151, 162 165, 166, 224, 225, 229, 249, 255, 262, 263, 269, 282, 287, 290, 294, 322, 331, 336, 347, 348, 358, 388, 392, 398, 411. 450, 451, and through the Woodstock Local Board of Relief from whom no return was received.

There were 16 grants made through Local Boards subject to proper applications being made and 66 grants through Lodges under similar conditions.

The Board regrets that so many lodges still neglect their duty in failing to send in applications.

The Board recommends that the report of the Committee on Benevolence be read in each lodge at a stated meeting and that the D.D.G.Ms. be instructed to notify the lodges to this effect so that the brethren generally may become more familiar with the work being accomplished by the Grand Lodge.

The Board recommends that in cases of applicants for Benevolence who reside in other jurisdictions, a report from either the nearest lodge, or some distinguished brother, or other reliable source shall be obtained before the grant is paid.

The Board further recommends that the lodges and the local Boards of Relief be instructed to notify the Grand Secretary of the death or change of address of the recipients of Benevolence from Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,
JOHN E. HARDING,
Chairman.

Appendix to Report on Benevolence.

The following table showing a comparison of the number of cases relieved during the years 1904 to 1909 inclusive, and of the ages of the beneficiaries should be read with the extracts from the report of the Inspector.

Year	Applications	Grants	Extreme Cases	Paid by Grand Lodge	Paid by Lodges
1904	318	300	22	13,940 00	14,000 00
1905	334	304	26	22,110 00	16,855 00
1906	350	318	36	20,150 00	15,000 00
1907	349	338	44	23,166 30	14,500 00
1908	379	374	62	26,372 00	17,000 00
1909	370	369	66	27,485 00	17,000 00

In 1906 we had 318 on the Benefit Fund, of whom 103 or nearly a third were over 70; in 1907 with 338, we had 117 over 70, and in 1908, with 374, we had 118 over 70 years as follows:

	70-74	75-79	80-84	85-89	over 90
1906	34	33	22	11	3
1907	50	28	26	7	6
1908	52	28	24	9	5

Report of Inspector of Benevolent Grants.

Judge D. F. Macwatt, Grand Master:

Dear Sir and M. W. Bro.:

I herewith present my report as Inspector of Benevolent grants for 1909:

There were 370 applications considered by the Committee—169 from Local Boards, 201 from private lodges.

Of the 169 from Local Boards: 135 were for widows, 18 were for brethren, 8 were for orphans, 3 were for wives of brethren, inmates of lunatic asylums; 3 were for sisters, 2 were for mothers.

The 135 applications received for widows were disposed of as follows: 7 were granted $20 each; 10 were granted $30 each; 39 were granted $40 each; 25 were granted $50 each; 26 were granted $60 each; 6 were granted $70 each; 10 were granted $80 each; 5 were granted $100 each; 3 were rejected by the Inspector; 1 was rejected by the committee; 3, lodge refused to complete the application.

The 18 applications received for brethren were disposed of as follows: 1 was granted $40; 2 were granted $50; 1 was granted $60; 1 was granted $80; 3 were granted $100; 9 were granted $150; 1 rejected by the Inspector.

The 8 applications received from orphans were disposed of as follows: 2 were granted $40 each; 4 were granted $50 each; 1 was granted $60; 1 was granted $70.

Of the three applications received for sisters of Masons: 1 was granted $30; 1 was granted $40; 1 was granted $100.

Of the three applications received for wives of Masons: 1 was granted $40; 1 was granted $80; 1 was granted $100.

Of the two applications received for mothers of Masons: 1 was granted $60; 1 was rejected.

Of the 201 applications received from private lodges: 141 were for widows; 50 were for brethren; 8 were for orphans; 1 was for the wife of a Mason; 1 was for the sister.

The 141 applications received from private lodges for widows were disposed of as follows: 7 were granted $20 each; 10 were granted $30 each; 29 were granted $40 each; 15 were granted $50 each; 30 were granted $60 each; 1 was granted $70; 22 were granted $80 each; 22 were granted $100 each; 1 was reduced from $80 to $40; on the recommendation of the Inspector; 2 died; 1 married; 1 rejected by the Inspector.

The 50 applications received for brethren were disposed of as follows: 2 were granted $30 each; 6 were granted $50 each; 3 were granted $60 each; 1 was granted $80; 14 were granted $100 each; 19 were granted $150 each; 1 reduced from $100 to $50 on the

recommendation of the Inspector; 2 died; 1 rejected by the committee; 1 rejected by the Inspector.

The 8 applications received for Orphans were disposed of as follows: 1 was granted $30; 2 were granted $40; 4 were granted $60; 1 was granted $100; 1 wife was granted $60; 1 sister was granted $50.

There were nine less applications this year than there were last year.

276 applications were made for widows of whom 264 received grants; 5 were rejected; 2 died one got married; and in 4 cases the lodge refused to complete the applications.

68 applications were received for brethren, 63 received grants, 3 were rejected and 2 died.

16 applications were received for Orphans, all of whom received grants. Four wives of Masons (the husbands being inmates of lunatic asylums), four sisters and one mother received grants, and the application of one mother was rejected by the Committee.

The foregoing statement of the number of our people who have applied to us in their need, and the financial assistance which the committee has recommended for their relief, describes, as far as figures can do so, the work of the Committee on Benevolence for the year 1909.

Two hundred and sixty-four widows, many of whom are making an uphill fight to bring up their children respectably and give them as good an education as possible, have received material assistance. Their work was none too easy in the old time with a strong man to bear the burden and heat of the day, they doing their part, but now the whole burden is laid upon them and they are compelled to bear it. Surely it is our duty to assist them as liberally as we can.

Three wives (worse than widowed), four sisters, and one mother also received substantial assistance.

Forty-six brethren, all of whom are disabled by old age or some physical disability, have had the assurance that their brethren have not forgotten them.

In sixteen cases grants have been made the orphans of our deceased brethren. In most of these, the children are being cared for by relatives or friends, and your Inspector is particularly careful to see that the grant is used for their benefit.

It may be of interest to know the ages of some of our people: 53 are between 70 and 74; 35 are between 75 and 79; 22 are between 80 and 84; 10 are between 85 and 90; and 7 are over 90.

The revenue from the Semi-Centennial Fund has enabled the Committee to extend relief in many cases where the ordinary grant was not considered sufficiently large to meet the requirements.

If our brethren who have not exercised the privilege of subscribing to this fund could see the need of many of our people and the gratitude evinced for the additional relief extended, the full amount requested would be subscribed in a very short time. Let me give you an incident that came under my own observation. When the appeal for subscription to the S. C. fund was first made, a brother of one of the lodges to which I belong, stepped to the Secretary's desk and paid his three dollars, saying, "It is not much but it will do good to somebody." How little he thought

that his own wife would be one of the first to receive the benefit of the good act he was then doing. This year the widow of that brother, who is a woman with four young children, received fifty dollars from the revenue of the S. C. fund in addition to the ordinary grant.

This year twenty-eight brethren received the maximum grant of $150, being seven less than last year, several of our brethren in this class having died during last year. In each of these 28 cases the brother is totally disabled by old age or some incurable disease, and the relief from their Masonic brethren is all they have to depend upon. Let me describe some of them:

Bro. D. is 72 years of age, a P. M., who was formerly the mainstay of his lodge. He is now totally disabled by palsy and paralysis, and with his aged wife, who is in poor health, lives in a rented house. He received a little from one child, but depended almost entirely upon the grant from G. L.

Bro. C. is 87 years of age. He and his wife, aged 80, live in rented apartments. He has no means or property, and depends entirely upon the consideration of the brethren and the grant from G. L.

Bro. W. is 72 years of age. He was formerly a merchant tailor doing a good business but several years ago suffered a stroke of paralysis, since which time he has been an invalid and unable to do any work. For years he and his wife have depended upon the charity of their friends and the grant from Grand Lodge.

In conclusion, allow me again to record my conviction that the amount of money disbursed by our Grand Lodge in benevolence does more practical good than any similar amount paid out in this country from one year's end to the other.

Yours fraternally,

J. B. NIXON,
Inspector Benevolent Grants.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Benevolence be received.

REPORT OF BOARD ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, Chairman of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals:

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Grievances and Appeals beg to report as follows:

1. Re Bro. James Henderson, Sturgeon Falls Lodge, No 447, (Sturgeon Falls, Ont.): This is a charge of unmasonic conduct, consisting of (1) drunkenness and profligacy, (2) cruelty to wife and children, (3) carnally knowing his daughter aged 14 years. The charges were investigated by his lodge, and found proven and he was suspended indefinitely. Your committee recommend that Bro. Henderson be summoned to show cause at the next meeting of Grand Lodge, why he should not be expelled from the craft for said offences.

2. Re Bro. Alexander McDonald, Bruce Lodge, No. 341, (Tiverton, Ont.) This is a charge of unmasonic conduct consisting of assaulting and seriously injuring his sister-in-law. The brother has been tried and found guilty by his lodge, and suspended indefinitely, and your committee having carefully considered all the circumstances of the case, recommend that the suspension, if not meantime removed, as hereafter provided, be continued until the next meeting of Grand Lodge, and then be further continued or removed at the pleasure of Grand Lodge, and that in the meantime the M. W., the Grand Master be empowered to remove the suspension and restore Bro. McDonald to full Masonic privileges upon the petition of Bruce Lodge.

3. Re Bro. Robert Robinson, Madoc Lodge, No. 48, (Madoc, Ont.) This is a case which was considered and disposed of by Grand Lodge at the last regular communication, and Bro. Robinson has requested your committee to re-open and re-consider same. Inasmuch, however, as nothing new has arisen, and the matter was most carefully and exhaustively considered and dealt with last year, your committee recommend that no further action be taken in connection with it.

4. Re Farran's Point Lodge, No. 256, (Aultsville, Ont.); Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264, (Ottawa, Ont.); Union Lodge, No. 118, (Schomberg, Ont): These cases are applications to remit what the lodges in question regard and refer to as penalties of $20.00 each, incurred by them on account of having passed or raised candidates contrary to the provisions of Section 204 of the constitution, which prohibits the conferring of a superior degree in Masonry on any brother at a shorter interval than four weeks from the date of his receiving a previous degree, except by dispensation from the Grand Master, for which the sum of $20 is required to be paid. The applications are based upon some cases dealt with last year by Grand Lodge, but it is now clear that the action last year was inadvertent and misconceived and your committee reports against the applications and recommends that they be not granted.

5. Re Bro. Jardine Russell, Granite Lodge, No. 446, (Fort Frances, Ont.); This is an appeal by W. Bro. John P. Wright, P. M., against the action of Granite Lodge in finding Brother Russell not guilty of unmasonic conduct, consisting of seducing a young girl of unsound mind and continuing in carnal knowledge of her for several months. The grounds of appeal are: (1) That the verdict was clearly against the evidence; (2) that the brethren present (8 in number), took an unduly lenient view of the evidence, and as the vote stood four in favor of finding the charge proven, and an equal number against that course, and as the

matter has become a public scandal, there should be a new trial under the direction of the M. W. the Grand Master.

Your committee respectfully report that the Grand Master should be empowered to appoint a special commission to investigate the case and report the facts to the next meeting of Grand Lodge for such further action as may be required, and that all necessary expenses be paid out of the funds of Grand Lodge; also that in the meantime the accused brother, who has left the jurisdiction, should be suspended from all Masonic privileges.

6. Golden Rule Lodge, No. 409, (Gravenhurst, Ont.) versus Orillia Lodge, No. 192 (Orillia, Ont.): This is a charge of invasion of jurisdiction by initiating Bro. Archibald McDermid, of Severn Bridge, Ont., in Orillia Lodge on 5th January, 1906. The charge has been admitted in writing by the Secretary of Orillia Lodge, (Bro. Harry Parsons), and by W. Bro. H. R. Tudhope, who was the W. M. of Orillia at the time. The M. W. the Grand Master, has dealt with the case by directing that Orillia Lodge do pay the Grand Secretary, for Golden Rule Lodge the initiation fee received from Bro. McDermid, and for Grand Lodge the sum of $10.00 for a dispensation fee, and likewise do pay to Grand Lodge the registration fee for Bro. McDermid, and that W. Bro. Tudhope be censured by the incoming D.D.G.M. of the District at such regular meeting of Orillia Lodge as he may select for that purpose, and as this is the second similar offence by Orillia Lodge, your committee respectfully concur in the action of the M. W., the Grand Master and reports accordingly.

7. Re Bro. E. B. Phelps, of Tuscan Lodge, No. 437, (Sarnia, Ont.) verses V. W. Bro. George Mitten, of Victoria Lodge, No. 56, (Sarnia, Ont.), and W. Bro. Wm. Oldham (Tyler), and Bro. James McIlhagga, (S.W.), both of Tuscan Lodge, No. 437, The charge, as against V. W. Bro. Mitten is one of unmasonic conduct in that while Tuscan Lodge was in session, he caused a fictitious message to be sent into the lodge room, through the Tyler, to the effect that Bro. Phelps was wanted immediately at the electric light plant, where he was employed, and that the object was to procure Bro. Phelps' retirement from the lodge so that the ballot on the application for initiation of Mr. Herman C. Seitman might be passed while Bro. Phelps was absent, and that Bro. Phelps being thereby deceived, asked for and obtained permission to retire to attend the message, and retired accordingly, and that during his absence the ballot was passed, and thereby Bro. Phelps was fraudulently prevented from exercising his Masonic privilege of voting on the application of Mr. Seitman for membership into his own lodge. The charges against the other two brethren are in effect that they were also guilty of unmasonic conduct by reason of having been informed by V. W. Bro. Mitten of his intention, and of not actively interfering to prevent his design from being carried out. The charges were duly investigated by commissioners appointed by the M. W. the Grand Master, and the following facts were found by them in their report: (1) that V. W. Bro. Mitten admitted the truth of the charge substantially as made; (2) that W. Bro. Oldham and Bro. McIlhagga admitted the truth of the charge as far as they

were concerned, and that they had erred without evil intent, and through mistake of judgment. Upon this report the M. W., the Grand Master, on the 19th of October, 1909, suspended all the accused brethren until this meeting of Grand Lodge from all Masonic privileges, the suspension to be then removed or continued at the pleasure of Grand Lodge; and your committee, having carefully considered the cases, respectfully concurs in the action of the M. W., the Grand Master, and recommends that the suspension of V. W. Bro. Mitten be continued till the next meeting of Grand Lodge and that the suspensions of W. Bro. Oldham and Bro. McIlhagga be now removed.

8. Re W. Bro. George Wenino, Tuscan Lodge, No. 437, (Sarnia, Ont.): In this case the brother was Secretary of his lodge and it developed during an investigation by a commission appointed by the M. W., the Grand Master in another charge that an application for initiation was dealt with by the Secretary as having been received at a regular meeting of the lodge, when in fact it was not received for sometime afterwards. The brother was accordingly suspended by the M. W., the Grand Master for so doing until this meeting of Grand Lodge, to be then continued or removed, according to the pleasure of Grand Lodge. Your committee respectfully approves the action of the M. W., the Grand Master and recommends that the suspension be now removed, but deems it advisable to add that it is the duty of a Secretary to keep only true and correct records of the transactions of the lodge and that after the attention of brethren has been specially drawn to this case another case might be much more rigorously dealt with.

9. Re St. John's Lodge, No. 81, (Mount Brydges): Your Committee have fully invesigated the facts of this case and find as follows: (1) at the regular meeting of the lodge in March, 1910, there were two applications for initiation, those of Messrs. Webb and McNeill. The application of Mr. Webb, after a second ballot was found against the candidate and was so declared by the Worshipful Master. The ballot on the application of Mr. McNeill was then proceeded with and on the first ballot it was found against the candidate, and a second ballot was ordered and taken, but the Tyler, who was a member of the lodge was not informed thereof and had no opportunity to vote. The ballot was found in favor of the candidate and he was declared elected. The action of the W. M. in having permitted the Tyler to vote on the ballot of Mr. Webb was then questioned on the statement by a Past Master then present, that by a ruling of the Immediate Past Master, the Tyler was not entitled to have voted, and after some discussion the W. M. asked the brethren present, (including several Past Masters) if they would concur in again passing the ballot on the application of Mr. Webb. The members voted unanimously in favor of a third ballot, and it was taken and found in favor of the candidate, and he was declared elected. Neither he or Mr. McNeill were, or have since been initiated, as in the meantime a complaint was made to the M. W., the Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Argue, the D.D.G.M. was ordered by the M. W. the Grand Master to investigate the complaint, which he did and reported the facts to the M. W., the Grand Master

substantially as your committee find them to be. The M. W. the Grand Master has decided that the election of Mr. Webb was invalid under Sections 195 and 196 of the Constitution and your committee respectfully concur in the finding We are also of opinion that the Tyler was entitled to vote on the ballot for Mr. McNeill, and as he was not afforded an opportunity to do so that the election of Mr. McNeill was irregular and that he should not be initiated witnout passing the ballot at a regular meeting of the lodge after due notice to the brethren with an opportunity for all entitled so to do to ballot thereon. We also find that the taking of the third ballot for Mr. Webb was illegal and void and that he must be treated as a rejected candidate. Our investigation of the facts convinces us that the members present and concurring in the taking of the third ballot on Mr. Webb's application under the circumstances has resulted in a grave breach of the constitution. We have carefully considered whether the warrant of the lodge should not be suspended for a time as a punishment therefor and likewise as a warning to other Lodges but find circumstances which we think justifying us in omitting to recommend such a rigorous course of action, but recommend that all the members who were present in the lodge and concurred in the third ballot being taken be severely reprimanded for so doing and that the Grand Secretary notify the lodge that a repetition of the offence would warrant Grand Lodge in revoking the charter of the lodge.

During the investigation by R. W. Bro. Argue it is said to have developed that Bro. G. Cairnes had communicated to some person, not a Mason, what had taken place in the lodge room, and he was accordingly suspended by the M. W., the Grand Master until this meeting of Grand Lodge. We respectfully concur in this action of the M. W. the Grand Master, and recommend that a charge be laid against him by the J. W. as for the Masonic offence referred to, and that he be placed upon his trial therefor. R. W. Bro. Argue also reports that he caused a message to be delivered to Bro. Burtch to appear before him as a witness in connection with the investigation then in progress, and that Bro. Burtch refused to attend or appear before the R. W. Bro., and he was accordingly suspended by the M. W. the Grand Master until this meeting of Grand Lodge. We respectfully concur in this action of the M. W., the Grand Master, and recommend that a charge be laid by the J. Warden against Bro. Burtch for disobedience to the commands of the D.D.G.M. as representative of the Grand Master pursuant to Rule 1 respecting Masonic offences, and that he be placed upon his trial therefor unless in the meantime an apology be tendered in form satisfactory to the M. W., the Grand Master.

10. Re W. Bro. C. C. Tatham, Moravian Lodge, No. 431 (Eden Grove): This is an appeal by W. Bro. C. C. Tatham, M. D., now of Guelph, formerly of Cargill, Ont., from a ruling of R. W. Bro. Paterson, D.D.G.M., which has been confirmed by the M. W. the Grand Master to the effect that W. Bro. Tatham is not entitled to the rank of Past Master. The facts are as follows: W. Bro. Tatham has served the office of Junior and Senior Warden of his lodge and in May, 1909, was requested by his brethren to accept the office of Worshipful Master. He explained to them that

his professional plans for the future included a trip abroad in the United States and also to England in connection with post graduate work in medicine and said he would require to be away for some months of the term. It is clear that this was definitely understood prior to the election, and we find that the office was accepted by W. Bro. Tatham on the understanding that he would devote as much time personally to the duties of Worshipful Master as possible under the circumstances, and that W. Bro. McKeenan, I. P. M., should perform the work in the Lodge when the W. M. was not present. W. Bro. Tatham was nominally Master for the entire 12 months; performed a considerable amount of work pertaining to the office of Master, but was not present at any of the communications of the lodge from the time of his installation when he was present and closed the lodge until his successor was elected and installed. The provisions of the constitution upon which the D.D.G.M. relied for ruling that W. Bro. Tatham was not entitled to the rank of a Past Master are as follows:

> "35. No brother shall be entitled to past rank in any office in Grand Lodge or in any lodge unless he has served a full term of twelve months."
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> "144. No brother is eligible to the office of Master of a lodge unless he shall have served for twelve months as Warden in a lodge in this jurisdiction and no brother shall be entitled to past rank in any office in the lodge unless he has served a full term of twelve months."

Inasmuch, however, as the evidence before us is convincing that with the exception of actual personal attendance at the lodge meetings W. Bro. Tatham performed some of the duties of Master and was at all times responsible for the proper conduct of the lodge affairs during the twelve months, also that the investiture of W. Bro. Keenan as I. P. M. at the installation in June, 1910, was erroneous and is a nullity, and that W. Bro. Tatham should without delay be duly invested as Immediate Past Master of the lodge, and be so reported by the lodge to the Grand Secretary, and we recommend accordingly. We are of opinion that having been Master for 12 months and to some extent performed the duties of the office there is upon the strict construction of Section 35 no safe ground upon which we could rest our judgment and say exactly what amount of service is required and that owing to the vagueness of the word "serve," the rank of Past Master is not to be withheld from him.

Fraternally submitted,
WM. DAVID McPHERSON,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals be received.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY.

R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, Chairman of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry:

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes through the Committee on the Condition of Masonry, begs leave to report as follows:

The District Deputy Grand Masters of the 22 Districts into which this Grand Jurisdiction is apportioned and sub-divided, have submitted for our consideration (and for purposes of record) an account of their stewardship as representatives of the Grand Master in their respective Districts during the year.

These reports, carefully and elaborately prepared should serve a triple purpose in that they (1) reflect the spirit of the lodges thereby keeping the whole jurisdiction in touch with the centre; (2) record, progress and development, give warning of the weakness and laxity and report as to uniformity in the work and administration of the lodges under their care; and (3) preserve the continuity of that steady advancement so essential to Masonry, so that their successors may intelligently and consistently carry on the good work with the best results having the benefit of the experience and recommendations of their predecessors.

Masonry, too is a living organism, full of ideas and ideals, which must be interchanged and expressed, to keep the current flowing; and every District Deputy Grand Master, as indeed every Master, should be a man of light and leading, able, and by his close contact with men and Masons throughout the year, inspired to contribute some thought of vital value, some suggestion of practical wisdom, to the reservoir of power in the Grand East, thence to be disseminated throughout the craft.

To say that all the Reports of the 22 Districts fulfil all these functions perfectly would be fulsome flattery, for which there is no room in a fraternity whose essence is Truth. But your Board can this year, perhaps, more even than in past years realize and commend the earnest patient work—the untiring labor of love, the unstinted devotion of time and tactful effort, which a perusal of these reports makes apparent, on the part of the District Deputies who were called, not to an honorary office, much less to emolument, but to much travail and increasing solicitude, an honor but not a sinecure.

With a deep appreciation of their fruitful and faithful service rendered and realizing to the full their personal anxiety to do justice to their Districts, your Board would point out in all kindness that much labor might be saved, and as effective results attained by concentration in the Annual Reports, by omitting long lists of names, by eliminating details of banquets, by allowing it to be taken for granted that the ordinary mechanical processes were exemplified, and by remembering that the chronicles of their various

visits are to be printed in the Proceedings of Grand Lodge, for the edification and building up of Masonry in general, and should measure up to the highest standards possible. At the same time your Board does not fail to recognize the power of the personal element in Masonry, the cementing strength of the social intercourse of brethren, and the undoubted fact that the altar fires of many lodges are kept kindled often by a few choice spirits whose zeal and enthusiasm is indeed worthy of honorable mention in District Reports, as factors in the plastic unity and progress of the Craft.

The M. W. the Grand Master has kept in close and forceful contact with his representatives throughout the year. Thrice have they reported progress and thrice asked leave to travel again. This has been a working year, the links in the chain have been wrought and welded well and strong. All have squarely done their level best. What the Grand Master could not do the Deputy Grand Master has covered. Both have been indefatigable, ubiquitous and an inspiration to all. Their star has shone one week in the East, the next in the South, then in the West and again in the true North. And each visitation bore fruit, and left mellow memories.

The Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund has ceased to be the subject of apology or pleading—$74,000 speak more eloquently than symbols of speech. Lodges that were not instituted when the fund was founded by M. W. Bro. Harding, now spontaneously come forward to pay their share, and why should they not? It is a monument for a time, a benefit in which all will share. Your Board recommends that the noble work be extended to embrace all the Craft. Our younger brethren will be proud to be identified with this guarantee of the future permanent stability of that which is not the least of the three essentials of our Brotherhood, Universal Benevolence, practically applied to actual needs. We are our Brother's Keeper.

A very special and important work has developed upon some of the District Deputies, which has added to the dignity and high impartance of Freemasonry, and incidentally also to their office, in the dedication of many lodges which had through oversight, overlooked that splendid ceremony in connection with their Masonic Homes. The House Beautiful will have more hallowed associations and a deeper significance now that the corn, wine and oil have been stored in symbol for the hungry, the sorrowful and afflicted. Nineteen lodges were dedicated in the Niagara District alone, 13 in another, 9 in another, 8 in another, and some in nearly all. Yet several lodges (and even in the Toronto District) are still undedicated. Next year all should enter into the fullness of their privileges, and District Deputies will have many added responsibilities. "So little done, so much to do," has found lodgment year by year since our great Imperialist Brother Cecil Rhodes spoke the words as he laid down the gavel in South Africa a few years ago. One course after another is laid in good cement. May all our foundations be well laid true and trusty, especially in those trysting places of Masonry—the Mother Lodges—the real unit, the radiant centres, whence come "the men, my brothers, men the workers, ever reaping something new. That which they have done, but earnest of the good that they can do."

Your Board cannot pass without comment and the expression of sincere gratification, two other outstanding and almost unique facts, which make the year that is passed, memorable in our Masonic Annals. Every one of the 413 lodges have been visited personally by the representatives of the Grand Master. The finger has been on the pulse and the heart beat has been regular. "From East to West the tested chain holds fast, the well forged link rings true." No less than 17 Lodges of Instruction have been held, and all have been most successful in securing uniformity of work, in removing misunderstandings, in promoting concord, in widening the horizon, in getting lodges out of grooves and ruts, and in cementing friendship. They have been more than Schools of Good Work. Lodges of Instruction are Lodges of Construction; and just as it is not tradition, but the continuity of tradition, that gives validity to the mystic rites of our historic order—so let it be the continuity of our work that will both generate and justify ever a great and righteous pride in Masonry. Carry on the good work. Let each District Meeting at this Grand Lodge arrange and make united provision for a Lodge or Lodges of Instruction during the year; and let each District select and recommend for the approval of the Grand Master, the best man available for the office. It is the personality which counts. Geographical considerations and so-called Lodge claims to representations are mere secondary matters. The Districts want men to lead them; men who inspire rather than aspire. Let the recommendation be the coronation of character; strong and well armed men, "constant and steadfast, zealous witnessing."

Your Board would recommend that every encouragement be given to the establishment of Masonic Libraries, the cultivation of research, the circulation of the Masonic Press. It should, indeed, be the duty of every District Deputy to inspect and see that at least the Annual Reports of Grand Lodge—full of information—and replete with suggestions, not only in our Home transactions, but also in the fertile fields of Foreign correspondence, should be accessible, at all times, in the lodge or within the precincts of the Lodge Room, so that the younger Brethren especially, with their keen desire for light and knowledge, may not be left to grope, as they too often are, after the sublime degree has been conferred, in the mists of ignorance, which is neither just to them or to the lodge, which gave them Masonic birth. When Masonry ceases to be an intellectual and educative institution, it will lose much of its strength, and of that quality known as stable equilibrium. Let us see to it that those who seek the springs may find, and that we add the books of wisdom and authentic history to the treasures, ornaments and jewels of our lodges. What a great work is here opened up for the Chaplains of lodges, to whom it is specially commended, and your board cannot forbear to urge that in this connection the Volume of the Sacred Law should be made a living letter to the brethren, a real light, containing in every book such Masonic gems as "They helped everyone his neighbor and everyone said to his brother, be of good courage," the true fraternal optimism. The Masonic press, when edited by a responsible and conscientious Mason, will not trench on esoteric work, and should be the exponent of true Masonic thoughts and tenets.

Your Board is glad to note the prominence given to music in several of the reports and recommends that Masters of Lodges should encourage and utilize this gift, God given; but as an ally and adjunct of the ritual, and not as a dominating factor.

"For the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony,
Linking sense to sound and sight."

Your Board feels that a distinct advance has been made, not merely in light and knowledge, but also in the development of the true spirit of Masonry—unobtrusive yet vital, sympathetic yet virile, progressive, yet truly conservative of good, adaptive yet ever consistent, by the organization of Past Masters' Associations. Their steadying influence has already been felt—they preserve the landmarks by showing their significance, they help to guard the portals, they dissuade from too hasty degree work which is not the all in all, and they have by Lectures on various Masonic topics, proved themselves the true knights of learning, and justified their existence in ample form.

Your board feels that the last word of caution has not yet been said with regard to the admission of candidates. Almost the only ripple of discord throughout the jurisdiction, and only three instances are reported, has been through the ballot, that franchise all powerful as friend or foe. Do committees do their full duty in this regard? Everything possible should be known about a candidate before his name is submitted. Will it strengthen him is a subordinate consideration to "will he be an added strength to the craft?" Lodges sometimes, perhaps, do not fully realize their responsibility in making "free of the Craft" the world over, men who may be a source of weakness—to say nothing of the want of "Good Report." We are interdependent. But the Mason who through mere private pique would blackball a candidate in every way worthy—as a man and a citizen—is the enemy within the gate, the despair of the earnest lover of the Mother Lodge. But there may be the other extreme, and when your Board learns from the reports that in one lodge the District Deputy had to witness four degrees conferred, in others three degrees; that in one lodge no less than 63 candidates were initiated during the year, in another 39, in another 38, in another 33, is it not time to call a halt? No lodge without supernatural powers could do such work well, they must suffer from congestion or indigestion. There must be deliberation. After knocking at the door should we not calmly say—do not hurry, stop, look, listen, and if you measure up to the true standard, then in our own way, in our own time, we will admit you to a participation in your labors, by degrees and with dignity, but each man a man and not one of a group.

Your Board is glad to learn from the comments of the District Deputies that the work of the officers is generally excellent—both intelligent and impressive as well as accurate in detail. There are, of course, a few exceptions where a temporary indifference was manifested, but this will, no doubt, be remedied next year through the animated encouragement, and the frank criticism administered, with firm discretion, by our courageous District Deputies. The Board commends these few weak Lodges to the early and special attention of those who will be in charge of the Districts for 1910-

1911, so that they may keep the fire kindled. The board again impresses the fact that the ritual work is only a means to an end. The strength imparted to their various Lodges by the long loyal line of Past Masters is one of the most encouraging features. It is at once an example and incentive to the young brethren, who realize that Masonry is worth while and endureth. "Age cannot wither her or custom stale her infinite variety."

The Secretaries, especially those of matured experience, receive and merit unqualified praise in connection with the regular duties of their office, but your board has again to urge the prompt completion of the statistical tables, for the lack of many of which your Board is, on this 18th day of July, much handicapped. A complete and uniform set of books to be furnished to all lodges is recommended by several District Deputies, and is hereby approved. Your Board feels that perhaps if the Treasurers received as much attention from the District Deputies, as do the Secretaries, those officers might actively aid in the collection of arrears of dues. Some brehren are being carried too long on the books. True friendship can never stand constant threats of suspension for non-payment of dues. Your board has made a computation of the total arrears standing on the books of the lodges, and find that they amount to the startling sum of approximately $32,000. How much good might be done with even one-half of this heavy charge which is being carried by the lodges. Think of it, their energy and fruition hypothecated to the extent of $32,000.

Your Board draws attention to the number of Rulings and Opinions asked during the year, and would not discourage the desire to do everything well and with a strict regard to order. At the same time they must emphasize that every Master on installation is certified to be well versed in the Constitution and By-laws. This little Book of 1905, with its copious index, and with its rich treasurer house of quaint and expressive literature in the ancient charges, prefixed, should be the vade mecum of every Master and Secretary, and the young Mason would do well to make it his own. It is on constitutions that our healthy state of Masonry is built. Human frailty impels a man often to follow the line of least resistance and to ask someone else to decide a point on which he is in doubt, impels him, too, to ask sometimes to have a general law set aside to fit some special isolated case, which cannot result in lasting good and would result in chaos.

Your Board recommend that a compilation of Masonic rulings and decisions be prepared by the Committee on Constitution and Laws, and furnished to the Craft.

Your Board in enquiring as to the number of Grand Representatives of Foreign Jurisdictions who are usually absent at Grand Lodge Meetings, has met with the suggestion that Grand Lodge might well be held in May or some other suitable month out of the summer solstice; and your board having regard to the increased facilities of ocean travel, and other journeys, and to the number of absent faces whom each July we were wont to meet, suggest that the matter be at least considered, and reported on by the District Deputies at our next Annual Communication, not perhaps with a view to any immediate action, but to gather the consensus of the

opinion of the craft upon this, as upon any other matter of interest and moment that may be laid before Grand Lodge.

Your Board notes with satisfaction that all the District Deputies commend fraternal visiting as a means of expanding our usefulness, our capacities of service to the craft, and of realizing the unity and universality of the Brotherhood. In this connection your Board feels that two officers usually regarded as Minor Officers are most important factors, viz: The Director of Ceremonies and the Tyler, both of whom should be chosen for courtesy and discriminating initiative, as well as for fidelity to duty.

Your Board has received another suggestion, viz.: that the Printing Committee under the personal direction of the President of the Board of General Purposes, should be given some discretionary power as to editing the District Reports, before printing same. Your Board would welcome a further expression of opinion as to this matter during the next year, meanwhile calling attention to the fact that one Report this year extends to 66 closely written pages, another to 53 pages, and others are more modest monuments of industry and zeal. Yet in each and all there are nuggets of wisdom and advice, with which your Board would not willingly dispense. Your Board notes the increasing number of "special nights," held especially in city districts, such as Canadian Night, Irish Night, Birthday Night, Military Night, Ladies' Night and so on. From an educative point of view and showing how close is the touch between human progress and the spirit of the age with Masonry, these auspicious occasions are most commendable, but it is hoped that the stable fabric and quiet dignity of the Craft gatherings will not be honey-combed by too many dramatic or emotional features, and that the brethren will not be led to prefer rhetoric to reason, or pageant to preparation and the ways of peace. An annual celebraion, however, may be made a stimulus, a leaven of good comradeship, a contribution to empire building.

Since 1896, when this grand Lodge met last in Belleville, the historic ground of the United Empire Loyalist, the centre of the romantic Bay of Quinte District, which in the dark days of Masonry kept the life blood flowing in the arteries, great changes have taken place, great strides made. Just a few statistical items of striking contrast

	1896	1910
Districts	18	22
Lodges	357	413
Benevolence	$ 9,830	$26,774
Initiated	1,350	2,800 (approx.)
Members	23,351	46,000 (approx.)

Verily we have kept faith with the heritage by more than the word of mouth.

The establishment of the University Lodge in connection with our great Provincial University, with its splendid professional staff and 3,800 under-graduates, is an incident of momentous importance, not merely because it means another "Power House on the line," but also because of the unique and auspicious circumstance that His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, John Morison Gibson, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, is the

worthy and Worshipful first Master of the lodge, an object lesson fraught with significance. This should be a lodge of research and ripe scholarship, like the Quatuor Coronati Lodge of London, as well as charged with the organizing power of a great dynamic centre. To the College members their Mother Lodge will, indeed, be Alma Mater.

Your Board, through another committee, voice the heartfelt sorrow of Brotherhood at the passing of all our Fraternal Dead, yet in this place it is fitting also that when two pillars of the Craft are removed from the terrestial to the celestial, such as His Majesty King Edward VII., of ever blessed memory, and Lieut.-Col. A. A. Stevenson, our beloved Past Grand Master, the effect on the state and condition of Masonry should at least be noticed, Non omnis moriar, "I shall not all die," each might truly have said, for verily their example and inspiration shall never fail or fade. Both have been welcomed within the portals by their Great Elder Brother. The one a Statesman among Kings, a King among Statesmen, Ambassador and Interpreter of his people, the Maker of Peace; the other genial, whole-souled, public spirited, the life blood of youth flowing through the arctic region of age. Can we ever forget that last verse of his recited at last Grand Lodge:

"For it's not the things we do
But the things we leave undone
That give one a bit of a heart ache
At the setting of the Sun."

To neither manly King or gallant soldier can there have been a heart ache for such a cause at the setting of their earthly sun.

In concluding this report, your Board express their increasing realization of the importance and influence of Freemasonry as the royal and loyal Craft in the development and consolidation of true citizenship in this composite and cosmopolitan Dominion of Canada, That our Fraternity recognizing the Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of man, will aid materially in assimilating the various races and peoples who are now establishing their altars and firesides in Canada, has been recognized by statesmen and scholars. A noble tribute has been paid by the Grand Master of England, H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, to the great work done by the craft in bringing about a United South Africa, and it is with the greatest pleasure and satisfaction that a reasonable hope may be entertained that our Noble and Royal Brother may next year represent our liege Sovereign King George V., as Governor-General of Canada.

With such national and fraternal potentialities, aspirations and inspiration, it behoves us as brethren again pledging our allegiance to the craft, to preserve that firm fortitude, uninterrupted unity and spirit of concord and chivalry that has always characterized the Brotherhood so that

In the last great day of all
Our House may stand together
And it's pillars may not fall.

Fraternally submitted,

W. N. PONTON,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON CONSTITUTION, LAWS AND JURISPRUDENCE.

R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report, which was read by M. W. Bro. Jas. H. Burritt, Chairman of the Committee on Constitution, Laws and Jurisprudence:

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Constitution, Laws and Jurisprudence, beg leave to report as follows:

1. There is no legal objection to any of the notices of motion to be placed before Grand Lodge.

2. With respect to the application of Bismarck Lodge at Point Edward to grant them joint jurisdiction with the lodges in Sarnia, Nos. 56 and 437 we see objections and could not recommend it particularly without the consent of both of the lodges in Sarnia, which has not been given.

3. As to their request to hold their lodge meetings in Sarnia instead of Point Edward, we see no objection on condition, however, that they either meet in the lodge room of the Sarnia Lodges (with the latter's consent) or build or rent proper premises in Sarnia. Point Edward is only two miles from Sarnia, and the members of Bismarck Lodge are holding their meetings in a room common to all other societies of the said Village of Point Edward, which should not be. If Bismarck Lodge makes arrangements to meet in Sarnia they will simply hold the Masonic territory or jurisdiction that they hold at present.

Fraternally submitted,

JAS. H. BURRITT,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, seconded by M. W. Bro. Jas. H. Burritt, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Constitution, Laws and Jurisprudence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD

R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report, which was read by R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, Chairman of the Committee on the Fraternal Dead:

REPORT

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on our Fraternal Dead, beg to report:

The Great Architect of the Universe has in his wisdom suffered our Order to be visited with great affliction since the last meeting of Grand Lodge. We pause and recall how He proved the faith of Abraham, the patience of Job, and permitted the temptation of His only Son, and we find solace in remembering that "He doeth all things well."

When the heart is filled with grief, the senses become dazed, and expression difficult. Silence is often the best evidence of great sorrow, and the most fitting tribute that can be paid to the memory of those we had loved and lost.

By the death of our late Sovereign King Edward The Seventh, of blessed and glorious memory, of The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England for twenty-seven years, and Protector of our Order up to the moment of his death, the Craft has lost its brightest ornament, the Empire its greatest support, and the world its first citizen.

His late Majesty passed away at the age of sixty-nine years, in full possession of all his faculties, and at a time when the Empire most needed him. During his comparatively short reign of nine years, his every act was Masonic in principle. Following closely in the footsteps of his revered predecessor, he was in every sense a constitutional ruler, and his heart was always with his people. He was, perhaps, the most popular sovereign since the reign of King Alfred. His name will live in the world's history as that of one who loved peace, who believed that peace is the greatest blessing that the Almighty can give to His people. The world over he was known as the "Peace Maker," and in Holy Writ we read that "Blessed are the peace makers for they shall be called the children of God." Of all the Sovereigns of Europe, his life was most secure, since his chief protection was the "panoply of a nation's prayers."

The life of M. W. Bro. Lieutenant-Colonel Alexander Allan Stevenson, for six years Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, when written, will for forty-six years be the history of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and as well, in a great measure, the history of the civic and military life of the City of Montreal. He threw himself heart and soul into his work, shared prominently in the affairs of his adopted country; and being gifted with great ability, energy and singleness of purpose, he made a success of life. For many years he was the best known and most popular member of Grand Lodge, and his cheery greetings and bright remarks will always be remembered by his brethren. For information as regards his life and his work it is suggested that the address given by the Rev. F. W. Dewey, D. D., at the funeral of our late M. W. Brother, be printed with Grand Lodge Proceedings.

We are taught that they who die in the Lord are blessed; that this life is merely a probationary existence, and that eternal

happiness is in store for those who obey the commands of the Most High. It is, therefore, selfish for us to mourn the departure of these exemplary characters, who have passed to a higher and better existence.

This is especially true as regards M. W. Bro. Stevenson, who had lived beyond the allotted span, was actively energetic for very many years in the cause of Masonry, and had survived his family. He had fought a good fight. He had finished his course.

We, however, mourn the loss of Edward the Peace Maker because of the good he was capable of doing for the cause of all mankind.

We cannot contemplate the death of R. W. Bro. Wilby, District Deputy Grand Master of Toronto West District, Number 11, without feelings of special sadness. He was young in years. He left a widow and several small children. He was devoted to the Craft and served it as best he could.

The Craft in Hamilton have sustained a severe loss by the death of V. W. Bro. Andrew T. Neill, Past Grand Director of Ceremonies, who answered the last great summons on the twelfth of May, 1910.

Deaths in our Jurisdiction.

R. W. Bro. Thomas M. Davis, Lodge of Strict Observance, No. 27, Hamilton, died 6th September, 1909.

W. Bro. Thomas Downey, Doric Lodge, No. 316, Toronto, died 17th September, 1909.

W. Bro. Andrew Randall, Union Lodge, No. 7, Grimsby, died 12th October, 1909.

R. W. Bro. B. J. Leubsdorf, Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 103, St. Catharines, died 29th November, 1909.

W. Bro. M. D. Dawson, St. John's Lodge, No. 20, London, died 29th December, 1909.

W. Bro. G. F. Cleland, Orient Lodge, No. 339, Toronto, died 3rd January, 1910.

W. Bro. D. C. Winning, Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186 Plantagenet, died 22nd January, 1910.

R. W. Bro. Wilson Wilby, Humber Lodge, No. 305, Weston, died 24th January, 1910.

R. W. Bro. Malcolm Gibbs, Rehoboam, Lodge No. 65, Toronto, died 7th March, 1910.

W. Bro. John Akers, Wilson Lodge, No. 86, Toronto, died 27th March, 1910.

M. W. Bro. Alexander Allan Stevenson, P. G. M., Stevenson Lodge, No. 218, Toronto, died 9th April, 1910.

W. Bro. Thos. J. O'Neill, Macnab Lodge, No. 169 Port Colborne, died 5th May, 1910.

V. W. Bro. A. T. Neill, Acacia Lodge, No. 61, Hamilton, died 12th May, 1910.

V. W. Bro. F. H. Holland, St. John's Lodge, No. 17, Cobourg, died 17th May, 1910.

R. W. Bro. H. A. L. White, St. James' Lodge, No. 73, St. Marys, died 8th July, 1910.

In Foreign Jurisdictions.

Rufus Easton Anderson, P. G. M., Missouri, died 27th July, 1909.

Melvin Edwards, G. Lecturer, Colorado, died 4th August, 1909.

Edward Preston McQueen, P. G. M., Tennessee, died 14th August, 1909.

William Moore Cunningham, P. G. M., Ohio, died 16th August, 1909.

James Henry Cunningham, Grand Secretary, South Australia, died 19th September, 1909

William H. Miller, P. D. D. G. M., South Dakota, died 3rd October, 1909.

Blyth E. Wood, P. G. S. W., South Dakota, died 17th October, 1909.

Ansalem J. Davidson, P. G. M., Montana, died 24th October, 1909.

Michael A. Murphy, P. G. M., Nevada, died 26th October, 1909.

Frank D. Woodbury, P. G. M. and Grand Secretary, New Hampshire, died November, 1909.

Sereno Dwight Nickerson, P. G. M., Massachusetts, died 6th November, 1909.

John Dunbar Baines, G. S. W., West Virginia, died 11th January, 1910.

Koscinsco Kemper, P. G. M., Virginia, died 26th January, 1910.

Thomas M. Puleston, P. G. M., Florida, died 16th February, 1910.

Frank Jared Thompson, Grand Secretary, North Dakota, died 25th February, 1910.

Daniel Noyes, P. G. M., Indiana, died 13th March, 1910.

Charles P. Gordon, P.D.D.G.M., Georgia, died 15th March, 1910.

Zimmerman Davis, Grand Treasurer, South Carolina, died 30th March, 1910.

Samuel R. Peters, P.G.M., Kansas, died 22nd April, 1910.

John Mills Pearson, P. G. M., Illinois, died June, 1910.

As to each and all of these departed brethren who have recently "crossed the bar," there is some comfort in our remembering that after all they have only passed from "one room into the next" and in happier surroundings are expectantly awaiting the coming of the loved ones they have left behind. "God placed his finger on them and they slept."

The list appended to this report shows that our ranks have indeed been sadly depleted during the past year, and have lost those who were justly regarded as main-stays of our Order. But we submit to the Will of the Supreme Being, believing that what he decrees is not for mortal's question, and that greater benefit will result and taking comfort out of the thought that "Whom He loveth He chasteneth."

Fraternally submitted.

F. W. HARCOURT,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, seconded by R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, and

Resolved, that the report of the Board on Fraternal Dead be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, Deputy Grand Master, presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, which upon motion was received and ordered to be printed in the proceedings of Grand Lodge.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON GRAND SECRETARY'S SALARY

R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, Deputy Grand Master, presented the following report on the salary of the Grand Secretary, which was read by M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt:

REPORT

To the Board of General Purposes:

Your Committee appointed to deal with the letter from R. W. Bro. Gunn, Grand Secretary, on the question of salary, beg to report as follows:

In 1899 the then Grand Secretary's (Bro. Mason's) salary was increased to $2,000.00, and there has been no increase since.

The business of the office has doubled since that time, without taking into consideration the work connected with the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund.

The salary ought to be reasonably commensurate with the work done when you take also into consideration the special fitness required of the person who fills the office.

We would, therefore, recommend that the Grand Secretary receive a salary of $2,500.00 a year dating from the 31st day of May, A.D., 1910.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. H. BURRITT, Chairman
W. G. EAKINS,
W. J. DROPE.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, seconded by M. W. Bro. James H. Burritt, that the report of the Special Committee on the Grand Secretary's Salary be received and adopted.

It was moved in amendment by R. W. Bro. John Ridley seconded by R. W. Bro. R. H. Spencer,

that the salary of the Grand Secretary be $3,000.00 per annum instead of $2,500.00.

The amendment was declared carried.

The report of the Special Committee as amended was declared carried.

SPECIAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, presented the following Special Reports of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence:

ON GRAND LODGES IN ROMANIA, TURKEY AND BRAZIL.

To the M. W., the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario:

GRAND LODGES OF ROMANIA AND TURKEY.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to which were referred applications for recognition from Grand Lodges in Romania and Turkey, beg leave to report that, in the opinion of the committee, great care should be exercised in establishing fraternal relations with other Grand bodies. That before entering into such relations this Grand Lodge ought to be satisfied that the new bodies practice Ancient Craft Masonry and that only; that they are not dependent upon nor derive authority from, nor have entangling alliances with any other Supreme Council or extraneous authority whatever; and that they acknowledge the existence of and their dependence upon the Great Architect of the Universe. Further, it should be made reasonably plain that these applying bodies can give good promise of being able to carry on Masonic work in a manner to reflect credit upon our order, and that they will be the peers of the Grand Bodies now composing our great confraternity throughout the world. The burden of proof should rest upon the applying bodies. They should give satisfactory evidence of character and standing, just as a petitioner is required to give evidence of character before he can be accepted in a subordinate lodge.

The application from Romania has no written signature. It bears the printed signature of Cristea Bender, Secretary. Its attached seal has the square and compass within a triangle, and the words: "R. L. Romania, under the obedience of the Grand Orient of Italy." The appended list of Grand Officers has the words: "L. Romania, under the auspices of the Grand Orient of Italy." It appears, therefore, that this is not a sovereign and independent Masonic body, while presumably it derives its authority from a body of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

The Grand Lodge of Turkey was established by a concordat by which the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite decreed that the Grand Orient (Grand Lodge) should be the only symbolic power for the whole Ottoman Empire; and that it should have sole authority to confer the first three degrees of Ma-

sonry within that empire. The Grand Orient (Grand Lodge) recognized the Supreme Council of the Thirty-Third and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite as the sole controlling power "over all the high degrees, that is, from the fourth to the thirty-second inclusive; and that from the Supreme Council emanate the administrative powers conferred on it for the three first degrees." It is stipulated that Masons of the Scottish Rite shall be allowed to wear the insignia of their rank in the craft lodges where they may happen to be, either as members or visitors. Each party to the concordat reserves to itself the right to annul the treaty by giving six months' notice, in which case the lodges "shall again come under the control of the Supreme Scottish Council, the creating power" The Grand Orient, (Grand Lodge) of Turkey, then, acknowledges the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite as its creating power; it remains in partnership with that body, and it acknowledges that it may be again absorbed by that body

Your committee respectfully recommends that fraternal relations be not at present established with the Grand Lodge of Romania or the Grand Orient (Grand Lodge) of Turkey.

On behalf of the Committee.

A. T. FREED,
Chairman.

GRAND LODGE OF BRAZIL

To the M. W., the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

Re the exchange of Representatives with the Grand Lodge of Brazil, the Committee on Foreign Correspondence has been able to gather the following information:

1. In 1867 M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, then Grand Master, announced that he had made arrangements for an exchange of Representatives with several other Grand Bodies with whom this Grand Lodge had not been in communication. Among these there was the Grand Orient of Brazil. Dr. Francesco de Paulo Romas was our Representative in Brazil, and R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson was the representative of Brazil in Canada. Bro. Stevenson retained the position down to the time of his lamented death. Bro. Romas remained the Representative of this Grand Body in Brazil until 1904, when the name of Bro. Richard Wichell appears as our Representative.

R. W. Bro. Gunn, the Grand Secretary, informs the Committee that for some time he was unable, in response to communications, to get replies from the Grand Orient of Brazil. In an unofficial way he has been advised that the office of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Orient of Brazil is now vacant.

In 1909, the Grand Lodge of Alabama declined to recognize the Grand Orient of Brazil on the ground that it was not a sovereign Grand Body.

In the same year the Grand Lodge of Kansas declined to recognize it, on the ground that the information respecting it was unsatisfactory and insufficient.

In the same year the Grand Lodge of Missouri declined to recognize it on the ground that the Grand Orient of Brazil was "making efforts to organize subordinate bodies within the United States."

In its last proceedings the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of New York gives the following information:

THE GRAND ORIENT OF BRAZIL, AT RIO DE JANIERO (RUA DO LAVRADIO, N. 97)

"Grand Master: Bro. Lauro Sodre, Rua Conde de Troja, 7 Rio de Janeiro.

Deputy Grand Master: Bro. Dr. Carlos Peixoto de Mello.

Grand Secretary: Bro. J. Frederico de Almeida.

This jurisdiction resulted, January 18, 1883, from the union of the Grand Orient of Brazil "Valle de Lavradio" and the United Grand Orient "Valle dos Benedictinos," both founded in the year 1831. The Eclectic Union, Switzerland and Hamburg, entertain friendly relations with this Grand Orient. There are here also the Grand Lodge of Rio Grande do Sul, at Porto Alegre, and the Grand Lodge of Parana, at Curityba. The former having asked for recognition and exchange of Mutual Representatives, the request will be acted upon by our Grand Lodge at its annual communication."

THE GRAND ORIENT OF RIO GRANDE DO SUL, IN PORTO ALEGRE (BRAZIL)

"The jurisdiction was established June 30, 1893, and comprises twenty-nine subordinate Lodges, five of which work in German. Membership, 2,248 brethren.

Grand Master: Bro. Dr. James de Oliveira Franco e Souza, Thirty-third Degree, President of the Supreme Court.

Grand Secretary: Jose Domingues d'Almeida, Thirty-third Degree, Archivista do Thesouro do Estado, Rua General Camara No. 56, Porto Alegre, Brazil.

Secretary for External Affairs: Dr. Alfonso Hebert, Thirty-third Degree."

It appears that there are several bodies in Brazil claiming to be Grand Bodies.

It is uncertain with which, if any, of them fraternal relations were established in 1867 .

It is not certain that any of them still exists as a legitimate and sovereign body of Craft Masons.

In the light of the information available, the Committee respectfully recommends that no action be taken at present to secure the appointment of a representative of any Grand Body in Brazil near the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

On behalf of the Committee,

A. T. FREED,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, seconded by M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, and

Resolved, that the Special Reports of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, regarding Grand Lodges in Romania, Turkey and Brazil be received and adopted.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE BALLOT

R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, presented the following report on the ballot:

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario:

The Special Committee appointed by the Grand Master, to consider what steps should be taken to strengthen the safeguards with respect to taking the ballot for membership, begs leave to report that it held a meeting at which careful consideration was given to what might be done, and the conclusions reached with respect thereto are embodied in a notice of motion to be dealt with at the present meeting of Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

AUBREY WHITE,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, and

Resolved, that the report of the Special Committee on the ballot be received and adopted.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations for election of Grand Officers and members of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing year, and for the place of holding the next annual meeting of Grand Lodge were received.

The Grand Lodge was called from Labor to refreshment at six o'clock p. m., to meet again at 9.00 a.m. on July 21st.

SECOND DAY

THURSDAY, July 21, 1910.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 9.30 o'clock a.m.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, seconded by R. W. Bro. G. S. May, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Audit and Finance be adopted.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, and

Resolved, That the report of the Board on Benevolence be adopted.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, and

Resolved, that the report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals be adopted.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, and

Resolved, that the report of the Board on The Condition of Masonry be adopted.

NOTICES OF MOTION

It was moved by M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, and

Resolved, that the Notice of Motion by M. W. Bro. Burritt, to amend section 186 of the Constitution, relating to residence qualifications of candidates for initiation, be referred to the Committee on Constitution, Laws and Jurisprudence for further consideration.

(The Notice of Motion referred to in the foregoing resolution was subsequently withdrawn).

It was moved by M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. D. McPherson, and

Resolved, that Section 230 of the Constitution be amended, to read as follows:

> 230. It is improper to hold a Lodge in any but a regular Lodge room, duly set apart and having the necessary ante-rooms for all requirements of Masonry. Such regular lodge room may be in a private house. In the case of a new lodge, it must be dedicated at the time of constituting

and consecrating. In the case of a lodge already dedicated, moving to a new hall or room, dedication must take place within three months after removal."

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, and

Resolved that the constitution be amended by adding the following sub-sections, viz.:

192 (a) When the order of balloting is reached the Worshipful Master shall direct the Junior Warden to notify members in the ante-room to enter the Lodge. After they have entered, the door shall not be again opened until after the order of balloting is finished, except to receive the Tyler's vote. The order of balloting shall be the last order of business except the conferring of degrees.

192 (b) There shall be a sufficient number of white balls and black balls provided so that each member present shall be supplied with a white and a black ball, and when the Master issues the instructions to distribute the ballots, the deacons shall give to each member entitled to vote one white ball and one black ball.

192 (c) The Worshipful Master shall inquire if all the members present have been supplied with ballot balls.

192 (d) Before ordering the ballots to be taken up, the Worshipful Master and Wardens shall examine the white ballot box to see that no black balls are in it.

192 (e) The Worshipful Master shall then order the Deacons to collect the ballots, whereupon the Senior Deacon shall go first with a white box in which each member shall deposit a white ball if he wishes to vote for the candidate, or a black ball if he wishes to vote against him. The Junior Deacon shall follow with a black box and collect the reserved ballots.

192 (f) When all the members have voted the Worshipful Master shall declare the ballot closed. The Senior Deacon shall then present the white box, first to the Junior Warden, then to the Senior Warden, and then to the Worshipful Master for inspection and after the inspection place the ballot box open upon the altar for examination by any member who wishes to see the vote. After which the Worshipful Master shall ask the Wardens how they find the ballot and shall then declare the result.

192 (g) The ballot boxes shall each have a drawer to be closed while the ballots are being collected, and shall have a suitable opening in the top for the reception of the ballots. The box carried by the Senior Deacon shall be white, and the other carried by the Junior Deacon, black.
192 (h) The Grand Secretary shall cause to be made a sufficient number of ballot boxes of a pattern approved by the President of the Board of General Purposes, and furnish two to each lodge room, and these boxes shall be used in taking the ballot, and no other.

192 (i) These boxes shall be paid for by the lodges to which they are supplied.

That Section 196 be amended to read as follows:

196. The result of the ballot having been declared by the Master, no further ballot is admissible.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

The Committee on the address of the M. W. the Grand Master beg to report that having had the same under consideration they will not assume to deal at all with the document in its entire detail. Indeed, so much is contained in the M. W. Grand Master's deliverance that it would be impossible for the committee to do more than make a few general observations on some of the numerous subjects therein discussed, with here and there some special references which may seem naturally and appropriately called for.

It has seldom, perhaps never, been the case, that the business of a year's history of Grand Lodge has been so exhaustively reviewed in any Grand Master's address.

The committee doubt whether, except in one case only, any Grand Master has been able to devote so much time and labor to visitations throughout the jurisdiction as have been spent in that way by our present Grand Master. To have made 35 official visits, covering 18 of the 22 districts of the entire jurisdiction means an amount of labor and personal sacrifice which few who have not had somewhat similar experiences can appreciate.

To the ardent and enthusiastic brother pleasure and enjoyment are more or less experienced in the performance of official duties, but the wear and tear of much travelling, irregular hours, late and early departures from regular routine, coupled with the ever present sense of responsibility by which a Grand Master naturally feels himself more or less oppressed, make his term of office the very reverse of a sinecure. M. W. Bro. John Ross Robertson's record, when for two years he presided over Grand Lodge, was an exhibition of zeal and tireless energy which his successors could not hope to equal. Indeed, being absolute master of his own time, he set out with the determination to visit every lodge in the jurisdiction, a task which he fully accomplished; and it goes without saying that much of the enthusiasm which always characterized that able and distinguished brother was imparted to some of the slow-going, marking time, and even dormant corners of the jurisdiction. Our present Grand Master in many respects is similarly characterizing his term of office.

The address after the opening paragraph contains in a few brief but skilfully compacted sentences a financial comparison between the past two years in the matter of general revenue and expenditure grants for benevolence, and the state of the Semi-Centennial Fund. The results of the comparison call for congratulation.

The Committee feel assured that Grand Lodge and every member of the Craft in this jurisdiction share the sentiments appropriately expressed with reference to the death of His Majesty King Edward VII., the former Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, and subsequent to his accession to the throne, the Patron of Grand Lodge and Protector of the Craft. The world-wide evidences of genuine sorrow over the sudden demise of a sovereign, whose chief aim and purpose seemed to be the stablishment and perpetuation of peace among the nations of the earth, were only equalled by the depth of grief of his own people, and all those who were nearest to him and knew him best.

It seems hard to realize that we shall never again see the familiar face of our M. W. Bro. P. G. M. Stevenson in Grand Lodge here below, and that we shall never again hear his voice in our discussions. From the early days of this Grand Lodge down to his recent demise he was easily one of the most conspicuous figures in Masonry in this country. Able, bright, cheerful, witty, sound and sensible, broad and strong-minded, companionable, sympathetic, tender-hearted, unselfish, public-spirited, patriotic—will anyone say that any one of these adjectives were not applicable to him in a very strong sense. While we mourn over his departure from us here on earth, we naturally and fondly associate him in his spiritual existence among the very bright spirits in the Grand Lodge above.

Grand Lodge will receive with satisfaction and approbation the announcements made by the Grand Master on the subject of Grand Representatives.

While generally concurring in the observations contained in the address regarding Grand Lodge meetings and the ever-increasing membership, any change affecting the membership should be adopted only after the most careful and serious consideration. For the mere transaction of the business from year to year coming before us, probably a very greatly reduced membership would be an advantage, and it goes without saying that, except when meetings take place in the larger centres, the accommodation of those attending would correspondingly be facilitated. But are we prepared to forego the pleasure and satisfaction of coming together in large numbers from all quarters of the jurisdiction, becoming more or less personally acquainted with one another and in many ways deriving inspiration and instruction from what we see and hear.

There is no very strong reason why Grand Lodge meetings should be held where the accommodation that is necessary cannot be afforded.

There are those who would not favor the commencement of a reduction by cutting off the Past Masters, while allowing both Wardens to be associated with the W. M. in the representation of a lodge, and when grave and important questions arise in the future, as we know they have in the past, is there not a great and important element of safety in the general soundness of judgment of the Past Masters?

The Committee are inclined to the view that although it is not by any means the first time that the desirability of some change has been hinted at, or even suggested, the question is really not a very live one at the present time.

The Committee fully concur in the remarks of the Grand Master on the subject of Grand Lodge Investments. While our funds should be made as productive as possible, safety should at all times be regarded as the first and chief requirement.

The action taken by the Grand Master in the matter of the complaint of an invasion of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia should meet with the approval of Grand Lodge on the statement of facts set forth. But the Committee fear that it will be difficult by any amendment to the Constitution to so define the word "residence" or the words "one year's residence in Ontario" as to avoid all trouble in the future. There have been cases in the past, and most likely there will be cases in the future when the year's residence in Ontario has properly enough been treated as quite consistent with absence from Ontario during the greater part of the year.

Among the references made to D.D.G.Ms., the committee heartily commend to Grand Lodge the Grand Master's earnest injunction that selections for these most important offices should be made on the ground only of merit and ability. The best material should always be sought for, and Masonry suffers when brethren become Grand Lodge officers on any other principle. Then again it is quite true that familiarity with the Constitution would save numerous references to the Grand Master for rulings. It cannot be expected that those who are coming on as officers in Grand Lodge shall possess all the advantages of long experience and study which some of the older officers have acquired; but is it not too often the case that while the W. M. in presenting to each initiate the Book of Constitution, recommends it to his careful perusal, he himself neglects it and would be ignominiously plucked if required to pass a reasonable examination as to its various provisions? Having said all this, it must not be supposeed that on the whole the Committee are of any other opinion than that while in some specific matters the Grand Master has thought it proper to animadvert here and there in a careful way and to make suggestions for their guidance, on the whole good work has been done by them, and any brother who has ever been a D.D.G.M. will freely admit that the duties are very onerous and sometimes very exacting.

The Committee, while in a general way commending the action of the Grand Master in the various cases with which he has been called upon to take cognizance in the administration of the Benevolent Fund, assume that these subjects will be more fully dealt with by the Committee on Benevolence.

The progress made during the year towards the realization of the full amount of the Semi-Centennial Fund has been gratifying. The enthusiastic determination of the Grand Master to see the completion of the Fund will, it is confidently hoped, be crowned with success in the early future. The Committee, however, must very deferentially express their doubt as to the expediency or advisability of adopting any basis of subscription to this fund that is not absolutely voluntary in its nature.

We concur in the remarks of the Grand Master on the subjects of Masonic Funerals; relations with other branches of Masonry; Past Masters Rank; Foreign Work; and, in a general way, as to By-laws, and we recommend the adoption of the suggestion that a

draft set of By-laws should be issued by Grand Lodge as a guide for lodges' adoption.

It is a melancholy fact that now and then brethren can be found who think it is not inconsistent with their Masonic membership to trifle with the sacredness of the ballot and to do things in that connection which, if done in ordinary transactions, would ostracize them from the business community. **They cannot think that it is not inconsistent** They sin grievously against the clearest light. Tampering with or playing sharp tricks in connection with the ballot should always be dealt with in a course of unsparing severity.

We approve of the paragraphs in the address relating to the installation ceremony; the Revival of Old Lodges; the Order of the Eastern Star; Lodge Rooms and Lodge Banquets.

The very considerable number of rulings set forth in the address for the most part involve no departures from pretty well-established precedents or settled practice. In a general way the Committee feel that the same may be safely concurred in by Grand Lodge, and they recommend accordingly.

The foregoing inadequate review of the Grand Master's address is presented to Grand Lodge with a frank admission that much has been passed over without comment or anything further than general observations.

To have dealt in detail with every item of the address would have necessitated a much longer report.

The Committee cannot close this report, however, without most heartily congratulating the Grand Master on the prosperity of Grand Lodge and complimenting him most warmly on the very able discharge of his official duties during the first term of his office as head of the Craft in this jurisdiction.

His long experience as a Mason and a leader in Grand Lodge, combined with his professional legal training, and, what is more valuable still, his judicial experience as an interpreter and administrator of the laws of the country very naturally led to his selection for the Grand East by his brethren with practical unanimity. Grand Lodge seldom makes mistakes when its absolute freedom of choice is not interfered with—and we are safe in predicting that another year's experience of the present Grand Master's thorough going methods of administration and constant vigilance in guarding our best interests will but confirm the present prevailing sentiment that Grand Lodge has seldom, if ever, been more fortunate in the selection of a Ruler of the Craft.

The Committee feel assured that the brethren of Grand Lodge will very heartily unite with them in the expression of an earnest wish that health, vigor and happiness may long be continued to him in connection with the discharge of his high and responsible duties.

Fraternally submitted,
J. M. GIBSON, P.G.M., Chairman.
A. T. FREED, P.G.M.
J. E. HARDING, P.G.M.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, and

Resolved, that the report of the Special Committee on the address of the M. W., the Grand Master be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PRESENTATION OF A TESTIMONIAL TO M. W. BRO. A. T. FREED, PAST GRAND MASTER

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

Your Committee appointed at the last annual meeting of Grand Lodge, to present M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, the retiring Grand Master, with a testimonial for the efficient manner in which the duties of that high office had been discharged by him, beg to report that that pleasing duty was performed at a regular meeting of the Barton Lodge No. 6, on March 4th, 1910, by presenting the M. W. Brother with a suitable testimonial, and an address, a copy of which is hereto annexed, to which M. W. Bro. Freed replied eloquently and feelingly.

Fraternally Submitted,

J. M. GIBSON,
WILLIAM GIBSON
E. T. MALONE.

To Most Worshipful Brother Augustus Toplady Freed, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

Dear Sir and Most Worshipful Brother:

The honor has been conferred upon us of being requested to address you on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, in connection with a presentation which your brethren in Grand Lodge resolved should be made to you, on your retirement from the Grand Master's Chair.

However imperfectly we may discharge the duty, we have most readily undertaken it as a most agreeable task and a labor of love, knowing full well that there is no danger of your merits being overstated, nor are there any weak points in your record to avoid. We state unhesitatingly that the Grand East in our jurisdiction has never been filled more ably and more satisfactorily than during your two successive terms.

Unostentatious by natural disposition, you have avoided display, while always discharging your duties with zeal, ability and fidelity. The deliberations of Grand Lodge have been presided over by you with dignity and its discussions guided with facility and firmness. The addresses delivered by you at the Annual Communications have been models for imitation, containing enough, but not more than enough, of historical details of the annual record, and at the same time being couched in the most appropriate and pleasing language. Your reputation has been well-established for saying on all occasions the right thing, for always speaking to the point, and for invariably using the aptest and most felicitous forms of expression to the repeated delight of your brethren.

Most Worshipful Sir, this address is not in any sense to be taken as a "good-bye" from your brethren, who will sincerely hope to see you for many years to come among our honored Grand Mas-

ters, taking part and assisting in guiding and controlling the deliberations of Grand Lodge.

So mote it be,

Sincerely and fraternally,

J. M. GIBSON.
WM. GIBSON
E. T. MALONE

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, and

Resolved, That the report of the Special Committee on the presentation of a testimonial to M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Past Master, be received and adopted.

SCRUTINEERS OF THE BALLOT

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed the following scrutineers of the ballot for Grand Officers and elective members of the Board of General Purposes, and directed them to collect the ballot and to report the result to Grand Lodge:

V. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, Acacia, No. 61, Hamilton, Chairman; W. Bros. James D. Denny, Dalhousie, 52, Ottawa; Thomas Booker, The Barton, 6, Hamilton; W. C. McAllister, St. John, 63, Carleton Place; E. E. Linger, Acacia, 61, Hamilton; W. R. Ledger, Alpha, 384, Toronto; C. E. Kelly, Wentworth, 166, Stoney Creek; Frank K. Ebbitt, Haileybury, 485, Haileybury; Arthur J. Bruce, Golden Star, 484, Dryden; J. L. Thompson, Coonation, 466, Elmvale; George B. Perry, Doric, 382, Hamilton; J. A. Yorick, Strict Observance, 27, Hamilton; R. J. Sproatt, Kerr, 230, Barrie; A. M. Thorne, Orient, 339, Toronto; F. P. Warne, Muskoka, 360, Bracebridge; Raymond Walker, Jr., Alpha, 384, Toronto; A. B. Clark, Doric, 382, Hamilton; E. D. Bowlby, Malahide, 140, Aylmer; J. S. McNulty, Shuniah, 287, Port Arthur; S. P. Cole, Stratford, 332, Stratford; J. R. Dinwoodie, Mountain, 221, Thorold; H. J. Clarke, Belleville, 123, Belleville; T. E. Price, Cameron, 232, Dutton; J. E. Merriman, Maple Leaf, 103, St. Catharines; Robert L. Dunn, Maple Leaf, 103, St. Catharines; J. D. Williamson, Alvinston, 323, Alvinston; George J. Lippert, Grand River, 151, Berlin; A. P. McLean, Peterborough, 155, Peterborough; A. T. Lawler, Composite, 30, Whitby; J. D. Harkness, Friendly Brothers, 143, Iroquois.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The following brethren were nominated by the representatives of lodges and Past Masters of the respective districts and were confirmed by the M. W. the Grand Master:

R.W.Bro F. D. Laurie, Chatham, Erie District No. 1.
" Thomas. Montgomery, Sarnia, St. Clair District No. 2.
" J. C. Spencer, St. Thomas, London District No. 3.
" Fred Holwell, Baden, South Huron District No. 4.
" Jas. Burns, Southampton, North Huron District No. 5.
" George Naylor, Ingersoll, Wilson District, No. 6.
" James Ireland, Durham, Wellington District, No. 7.
" G. R. Lloyd, Hamilton, Hamilton District, No. 8.
" Geo. E. J. Brown, Creemore, Georgian District, No. 9.
" R. G. Hoover, Thorold, Niagara District, No. 10.
" A. J. Brown, Eglinton, Toronto West, No. 11.
" R. W. Brennan, Toronto, Toronto East District No. 11a.
" J .B. Begg, Lindsay, Ontario District, No. 12.
" H. H. Post, Wellington, Prince Edward District, No. 13.
" R. G. Graham, Gananoque, Frontenac District No. 14.
" Thos. Dowell, Brockville, St. Lawrence District, No. 15.
" Walter M. Ross, Ottawa, Ottawa District, No. 16.
" D. H. Currie, Kenora, Algoma District, No. 17.
" F. W. Haynes, New Liskeard, Nipissing District No. 18.
" J. W. Harris, Burk's Falls, Muskoka District, No. 19.
" A. W. McLeod, Newcastle, Otonabee District, No. 20.
" H. C. Jones, Vankleek Hill, Eastern District, No. 21.

M. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, Grand Master, installed and invested the newly-elected District Deputy Grand Masters, with the exception of R. W. Bro. D. H. Currie, District No. 17, who was not present. The newly-installed District Deputy Grand Masters were proclaimed and saluted with the customary Grand Honors.

Grand Lodge was called from labor at one o'clock p.m., to meet again at 2.30 p.m.

CALLED ON

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

V. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, on behalf of the Scrutineers of the Ballot, presented the following report of the names of the brethren elected to the several offices and to the Board of General Purposes:

M. W. Bro. Daniel Fraser Macwatt, Sarnia, Grand Master.
R.W.Bro. Aubrey White, Toronto, Deputy Grand Master.
" " Lewis R. Terwilligar, Belleville, Grand Senior Warden.
" " H. R. H. Kenner, Peterborough, Grand Junior Warden.
" " Rev. W. de la Rosa, St. Catharines, Grand Chaplain.
M.W.Bro. E. T. Malone, Toronto, Grand Treasurer.
R.W.Bro. R. L. Gunn, Hamilton, Grand Secretary.
" " Henry T. Smith, Toronto, Grand Registrar.

And by open vote of Grand Lodge

R. W. Bro. C. G. McDermott, St. Catharines, was elected Grand Tyler.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

R.W.Bro. W. D. McPherson, Toronto.
" " John Hoodless, Hamilton.
" " S. A. Luke, Ottawa.
" " A. Shaw, Kingston.
" " A. J. Young, North Bay.

Subsequently the M. W. Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments on the Board for the ensuing term of two years:

R.W.Bro. William Rea, Toronto.
" " F. W. Harcourt, Toronto.
" " S. E. Cornell, Sarnia.
" " J. E. Merriman, St. Catharines.
" " J. G. Liddell, Brantford.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

The City of St. Catharines was chosen as the meeting place of the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

APPOINTED OFFICERS

The M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments to office for the ensuing year:

V.W.Bro. Kenneth J. Dunstan, Toronto, Grand Senior Deacon.
" J. Alex. Bell, Sarnia, Grand Junior Deacon.
" Thomas McQuillan, Toronto, Grand D. of Ceremonies.
" A Macoomb, Toronto, Asst. Grand Secretary.
" R. S. Thompson, Thornhill, Asst. G. D. of Ceremonies.
" John J. McMahon, Lindsay, Grand Sword Bearer.
" William Gill, Kingston, Grand Organist.
" S. B. McClung, Trenton, Assistant Grand Organist.
" Wm. H. Hewson, Penetanguishene, G. Supt. of Works.
" W. W. Burleigh, St. Catharines, Grand Pursuivant.

Grand Stewards

V.W.Bro. Jos. Ellerton, Little Current.
" W. G. Hill, Queensville.
" D. McLeod, Keewatin.
" John Fox, Lucan .
" S. S. Donaldson, Strathroy.

V.W.Bro. Jos. Wilson, Nilestown.
" E. T. Huston, Glencoe.
" George W. Smith, Port Elgin.
" Claude Mitchell, Scotland.
" C. A. Boehm, Berlin.
" L. Grant, Georgetown.
" R. Conn, Kemptville.
" J. C. Switzer, Carleton Place.
" H. J. Bird, Jr., Bracebridge.

Grand Standard Bearers

V.W.Bro. Henry Pacy, Havelock.
" Charles A. MacHaffie, Cornwall.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, and

Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to the brethren of Belleville for the excellent accommodation provided and kindly attentions shown to the members during this annual communication.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, and

Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to the committee on Credentials for the valuable services rendered by them at this annual communication.

The M. W. the Grand Master invested R. W. Bros. L. R. Terwilligar, Grand Senior Warden, and William de la Rosa, Grand Chaplain, who were saluted with Grand Honors.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, D. G. M., seconded by M. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, and

Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to the Scrutineers of the ballot for the efficient services rendered by them.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. F. Guest, seconded by R. W. Bro. Aubrey White, D. G. M., and

Resolved, that the hearty thanks of Grand Lodge be accorded to the Commanding Officer, Col. Thomas Stewart, and Officers of the 15th Battalion, A. L. I., for their very great kindness in granting the use of their very pleasant quarters for the use of Grand Lodge during the present communication as well as for the many personal courtesies shown by them.

INSTRUCTION OF D. D. G. Ms.

The M. W. the Grand Master announced that, after the closing of Grand Lodge, he, personally, would instruct the newly installed District Deputy Grand Masters in the secret work, and in the duties of their office generally.

The Grand Chaplain then invoked the blessing of the Most High upon the members of Grand Lodge during the coming recess.

THE GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed at 4.00 o'clock p.m.

Attest:



Grand Secretary

RETURN OF LODGES AS AT JUNE 4,
Also Receipts From Lodges for the Year Ended st
Lodges marked (a) hold their Installation of Officers on the Festal

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary
2	aNiagara	Niagara	W. on or b. f.m.	T. W. Ferguson.	Sam. Campbell.
3	aThe Anct. St. John	Kingston	1st Thursday	A.R.B. Will'mson	R. Easton Bus
5	aSussex	Brockville	3rd Monday	J. S. Copeland..	Geo. K. Dew.
6	The Barton	Hamilton	1st Friday	Thos. Booker ..	Geo. H. Bull
7	Union	Grimsby	Th. on or b.f.m.	F. W. Pottinger	A. E. Phipps.
9	aUnion	Napanee	F. on or b. f. m.	Geo. T. Walters	W. J. Shanne.
10	aNorfolk	Simcoe	Tu. on or b.f.m.	L. F. Aiken	R. E. Gunto.
11	aMoira	Belleville	W. on or b.f.m.	Wm. McGie	John Newto.
14	aTrue Britons	Perth	1st Monday	W. Douglas	F. V. Buffa.
15	St. Georges'	St. Catharines	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Geo. E. Burch ..	A. N. Linds.
16	aSt. Andrew's	Toronto	2nd Tuesday	W. T. Giles	J. D. Keach.
17	St. John's	Cobourg	Tu. on or b.f.m.	J. F. McCullough	Robt Buck.
18	aPrince Edward	Picton	Th. on or b.f.m.	N. Ostrander	R. H. Hubb.
20	aSt. John's	London	2nd Tuesday	J. A. Calhoun ..	Jas. O. Welch.
21a	aSt. John's	Vankleek Hill.	Tu. on or b.f.m.	F. W. Bowden .	A. D. McRae.
22	aKing Solomon's	Toronto	2nd Thursday	John Jennings..	R. A. Woodl.
23	Richmond	Richmond Hill	M. on or b.f.m	C. E. Hopper ..	H. A. Nicho.
24	aSt. Francis	Smith's Falls	F. on or b.f.m	W. B. Newton..	G. W. Fluk.
25	aIonic	Toronto	1st Tuesday	Jas. G. Shaw ..	F. C. Hood .
26	aOntario	Port Hope	3rd Friday	R. M. Wade	W J. Robertn
27	aStrict Observance	Hamilton	3rd Friday	L. F. Stephens .	W. C Morto.
28	aMount Zion	Kemptville	W. b.f.m.	R. Conn	S. H. Guest .
29	aUnited	Brighton	Th. on or b.f.m.	A. D. Bullock..	B. C. H. Beer
30	aComposite	Whitby	1st Thursday	J. B. Johnston..	R. S. Corma.
31	aJerusalem	Bowmanville.	W. on or b.f.m.	Frank T. Morris	A. S. Mooreft
32	aAmity	Dunnville	W. on or a.f.m.	Wm. Kerr	W. D. Patten
33	aMaitland	Goderich	2nd Tuesday	W. S. Turnbull.	John Straito.
34	aThistle	Amherstburg	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Ed. R. Lewis ..	A. E. Wright.
35	St.John's	Cayuga	Th. on or a.f.m.	A. C. Riley	J. W. Shepp d
37	aKing Hiram	Ingersoll	1st Friday	McD. Wallace .	R. T. Agar.
38	aTrent	Trenton	Tuesday b.f.m.	H. W. Peck	R. H. Spenc.
39	aMount Zion	Brooklin	Tu on or b.f.m.	Wm. Brash	John J. Moo.
40	aSt. John's	Hamilton	3rd Thursday	A. G. Bain	W. J. McAllis
41	aSt. George's	Kingsville	Th. on or b.f.m.	W. A. Woodiwiss	Geo. Rumble
42	aSt. George's	London	1st Thursday	C. E. Oettinger.	A Ellis.
43	King Solomon's	Woodstock	1st Tuesday	Geo. Dingwell...	A. McGachie
44	aSt. Thomas	St. Thomas	1st Thursday	John Henning..	L. Slater.
45	Brant	Brantford	2nd Tuesday	W. S. Giddens	Geo. Whitwil
46	aWellington	Chatham	1st Monday	J. W. Verrall ..	Alex Gregor
47	aGreat Western	Windsor	Th. on or b.f.m.	J. F. Reid	John Fry .
48	aMadoc	Madoc	Tu. on or b.f.m.	F. G. Cottle	L. T. Morric.
50	aConsecon	Consecon	F on or b.f.m.	Charles Carter	E P. Cox.
52	Dalhousie	Ottawa	1st Tuesday	Jas. D. Denny..	H. W. Jackso.
54	aVaughan	Maple	Tu. on or b.f.m	C. T. Stephenson	J. B. McLean.
55	aMerrickville	Merrickville	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Geo. D. Scott..	G. R. Putna .
56	aVictoria	Sarnia	1st Tuesday	W. T. Goodison	F. C. Watso.
57	aHarmony	Binbrook	W. on or b.f.m.	E. W. Dartnall	E. J. Duffy .
58	aDoric	Ottawa	1st Friday	C. K. Lough	A. H. Armstrg
61	aAcacia	Hamilton	2nd Friday	Geo. W. Wilson.	Hugh Murray
62	aSt. Andrew's	Caledonia	W. on or b.f.m.	H. Main, M.D...	John Thompn
63	aSt. John's	Carleton Place	2nd Wednesday.	N. C. McAllister	A. T. Hudso.
64	aKilwinning	London	3rd Friday	G. G. Steele	R. W. Glove.
65	aRehoboam	Toronto	1st Thursday	Thos. S. Young.	G H. Mitche.
66	aDurham	Newcastle	Tu. on or b.f.m.	G. Joll	A. W. McLe.
68	aSt. John's	Ingersoll	3rd Friday	J. S. Clark	S. M. Dougl.
69	Stirling	Stirling	Th. after f.m.	W. H. Reid	G. W. Baile.
72	Alma	Galt	Last Tuesday	C. O. Hemphill.	A. J. Oliver.
73	aSt. James	St. Mary's	1st Monday	Lorne A. Fedy..	A. Carman.
74	aSt. James	S. Augusta	M. nearest f m.	L. L. Shepherd.	C B. Murray
75	St. John's	Toronto	1st Monday	John H. Warner	O. F. Dodge .

1910, AND LAST RETURNS RECEIVED.
May, 1910, and Ledger Balances at that Date
of St. John the Evangelist; all others on that of St. John the Baptist

No. of Lodge	Initia'd	Passed.	Raised	Joined.	With-drawn.	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Ex-pelled.	Rest'd.	Total M'mb's	Last Ret'rns		Paid Grand Lodge.	Ledger. Dr.Bal.	Ledger. Cr.Bal.
2	7	4	4	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	92	June,	'10	62 40	25	.. ....
3	10	11	10	2	4	5	3	....	....	1	182	"		124 00	....	.. ....
5	8	9	7	2	6	1	1	....	....	3	253	"		167 25	....	.. ....
6	15	17	15	7	3	5	....	....	....	1	407	"		397 50	50	.. ....
7	10	11	11	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	111	"		59 00	6 10	.. ....
9	8	9	6	1	3	1	....	....	....	1	138	"		101 75	....	.. ....
10	8	9	9	3	....	1	1	....	....	....	137	"		77 25	3 25	.. ....
11	10	10	6	4	8	2	5	....	....	....	255	"		170 00	....	.. ....
14	6	11	13	....	2	....	....	....	....	2	123	"		70 75	....	.. ....
15	5	6	3	....	....	1	....	....	....	1	107	"		61 00	....	3 00
16	11	9	7	4	1	3	....	....	....	....	384	"		189 00	7 25	.. ....
17	11	7	6	1	1	2	....	....	....	....	122	"		123 75	2 50	.. ....
18	8	9	10	3	1	4	5	....	....	1	235	"		152 50	....	.. ....
20	13	7	2	....	2	2	4	....	....	1	253	Dec.,	'09	151 50	....	.. ....
21a	7	4	4	....	....	1	2	....	....	....	69	June,	'10	48 25	2 75	.. ....
22	22	24	20	3	5	....	5	....	....	1	298	"		203 50	6 25	.. ....
23	5	4	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	50	"		23 50	3 00	.. ....
24	8	7	8	1	2	1	5	....	....	....	146	"		100 00	....	.. ....
25	7	6	9	5	1	4	....	....	....	....	290	"		165 50	1 75	.. ....
26	7	2	3	1	3	1	2	....	....	....	132	"		103 00	....	.. ....
27	18	17	19	6	1	9	2	....	....	....	403	"		240 00	....	.. ....
28	10	7	6	1	....	....	2	....	....	....	66	"		39 00	50	.. ....
29	4	3	3	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	119	"		65 50	....	.. ....
30	5	3	2	....	1	2	....	....	....	....	77	"		44 00	....	.. ....
31	5	6	4	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	106	"		72 75	....	50
32	10	10	8	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	126	"		90 80	10	.. ..
33	14	12	14	4	1	3	....	....	....	....	146	"		150 50	....	.. ....
34	5	6	6	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	105	"		81 50	3 20	.. ....
35	9	8	8	1	2	....	....	....	....	....	80	Dec.	'09	69 75	....	25
37	3	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	137	June,	'10	73 00	....	.. ....
38	13	13	9	....	3	3	....	....	....	1	124	"		122 50	1 00	.. ....
39	1	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	46	Dec.	'09	37 50	3 00	.. ....
40	25	19	20	6	2	3	4	....	....	....	467	June,	'10	281 25	....	.. ....
41	13	8	6	....	....	1	1	....	....	....	109	"		75 75	1 50	.. ....
42	6	3	3	1	....	3	1	....	....	....	149	Dec.	'09	100 00	1 00	.. ....
43	29	23	18	3	1	....	....	....	....	1	214	June,	'10	193 00	....	.. ....
44	21	22	23	12	5	3	....	....	....	1	307	"		209 00	....	1 50
45	63	62	54	....	2	....	14	....	....	4	288	"		273 75	8 85	.. ....
46	16	19	21	....	5	1	2	....	....	2	212	Dec.	'09	162 00	....	.. ....
47	28	38	36	5	1	8	5	....	....	2	403	June,	'10	332 50	1 00	.. ....
48	3	3	2	....	....	1	....	....	....	1	118	"		95 00	....	8 50
50	3	3	3	....	1	1	....	....	....	....	58	"		32 25	....	.. ....
52	18	24	22	2	5	....	2	....	....	3	280	"		294 00	....	.. ....
54	2	....	....	....	3	1	....	....	....	....	42	"		27 75	1 00	.. ....
55	2	2	1	1	....	1	....	....	....	1	82	"		66 25	....	3 00
56	10	10	9	5	3	3	....	....	....	....	226	"		136 75	4 50	.. ....
57	3	7	6	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	58	"		44 50	....	.. ....
58	9	6	8	1	5	....	....	....	....	....	183	"		123 50	....	.. ....
51	24	20	20	13	5	5	6	....	....	....	423	"		261 10	7 25	.. ....
62	6	5	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	63	"		70 00	....	.. ....
63	4	4	5	....	4	....	....	....	....	1	159	"		93 00	....	.. ..
64	11	14	10	2	2	3	8	....	....	....	214	"		234 00	1 00	.. ....
65	19	23	24	2	3	2	....	....	....	1	408	"		252 00	....	.. ....
66	10	6	4	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	50	"		39 50	....	1 00
68	8	7	4	....	....	1	2	....	....	1	106	"		83 75	50	.. ....
69	6	11	8	....	3	....	....	....	....	2	82	"		73 25	3 00	.. ....
72	4	4	3	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	145	"		139 00	6 75	.. ....
73	7	7	5	....	1	....	2	....	....	....	89	Dec.	'09	66 50	2 00	.. ....
74	1	1	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	73	June,	'10	45 25	....	.. ....
75	16	16	15	6	2	3	2	....	....	1	306	"		162 00	....	.. ....

Returns of Lodges as at June 24, 190

No. of Lodges.	Lodge.	Where Held	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary
76	aOxford	Woodstock	2nd Monday	W. S. Thornton	J. W. Dutto
77	aFaithful Brethr'n	Lindsay	1st Friday	E. C. Armstrong	R. G. Cornei
78	aKing Hiram	Tillsonburg	W. on or a.f.m.	W. D. Robertson	Robert Bair
79	aSimcoe	Bradford	4th Monday	Jas. Webb	T. E. Bell
81	aSt. John's	Mt. Brydges	Tu. on or b.f.m.	E. R. Bond	Thos. C. Wes
82	St. John's	Paris	2nd Tuesday	Frank Hurndall	P Buckley
83	aBeaver	Strathroy	F. a.f.m.	John Curry	R. T. Rich'on
84	Clinton	Clinton	F. on or a.f.m.	Jacob Taylor	H. B. Chant
85	aRising Sun	Athens	Th. on or b.f.m.	W. J. Hamblin	I. C. Alguire
86	aWilson	Toronto	3rd Tuesday	Jos. Oliver	R. W. Parkin n
87	Markham Union	Markham	F. on or b.f.m.	Geo. Beatty	R. W. Grove
88	St. George's	Owen Sound	W. on or b.f.m.	Chris. D. Taylor	J. M. Campell
90	aManito	Collingwood	W. on or a.f.m.	C. T. Stephens	E. L. Connol
91	aColborne	Colborne	F. on or b.f.m.	J. K. Fraser	Geo. Keyes
92	aCataraqui	Kingston	2nd Wednesday	A. Shaw	Robt. Hendry
93	Northern Light	Kincardine	1st Wednesday	M. D. McPhail	M. J. McPhe'n
94	aSt. Mark's	Port Stanley	2nd Tuesday	R.A. Catherwood	M. D. Hyndm n
96	aCorinthian	Barrie	1st Thursday	Fred. Sneath	Alfred Wilk
97	aSharon	Queensville	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Frank Milne	Jas. M. Miln
98	True Blue	Bolton	F. on or a.f.m.	W. M. Noble	A. E. Bolton
99	aTuscan	Newmarket	2nd Wednesday	Geo. D. Fortune	G. E. Fierher
100	Valley	Dundas	2nd Monday	Wm. H. Moss	F. A. Latsha
101	aCorinthian	Peterboro	3rd Friday	R. P. Watt	T. H. Gillesp
103	aMaple Leaf	St. Catharines	Last Thursday	Robt. L. Dunn.	H. J. Johnst
104	St. John's	Norwich	W. on or a.f.m.	E. W. Moles	G. W. Poldor
105	aSt. Mark's	N. Falls S'th	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Ray Misener	R Sloggett
106	aBurford	Burford	W. on or b.f.m.	E. A. Burgis	Geo. Armstr g
107	St. Paul's	Lambeth	W. on or b.f.m.	Wm. D. Love	H. Poole
108	Blenheim	Princeton	F. on or a.f.m.	A. S. Courtenay	F. J. Daniel
109	aAlbion	Harrowsmith	F. on or b.f.m.	M. A. McQuade	J T. McKim
110	aCentral	Prescott	1st Tuesday	E. D. Perrin	J. F. Graham
113	aWilson	Waterford	W. on or b.f.m.	J. H. Stafford	R. D. Gibson
114	aHope	Port Hope	1st Friday	Geo. N. Taylor	Thos. H. Bell
115	aIvy	Beamsville	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Wm. Sinclair	L. B. Tufford
116	aCassia	Thedford	M. on or b.f.m.	E. S. Phelps	A. J. Grant
118	Union	Schomberg	M. on or b.f.m.	R. W. Stewart.	H. H. Coffey
119	aMaple Leaf	Bath	M. before f.m.	Wm. H. Tuckett	F. W.Armstr g
120	Warren	Fingal	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Geo. Francis	C. P. Silcox
121	aDoric	Brantford	3rd Friday	Chas. T. Hay	Jas. C. Spen
122	aRenfrew	Renfrew	1st Monday	A. S. Wade,M.D.	M. McK nnon
123	aBelleville	Belleville	1st Thursday	C. D. Dyke	David Barra r
125	aCornwall	Cornwall	1st Wednesday	A. A. Smith	John Ridley
126	aGolden Rule	Campbellford	Tu. on or b.f.m.	O. C. Watson	Geo. A Ben
127	aFranok	Frankford	M. before f.m.	Wm. Snider	W. A. R. Mic
128	aPembroke	Pembroke	1st Thursday	J. P. Miller, Jr.	W. D. McLar
129	The Rising Sun	Aurora	1st Friday	C. E. Lundy	Fred Baldwin
131	aSt. Lawrence	Southampton	Tu. on or a.f.m.	R. B. Hillmer	R. G. Burns
133	aLebanon Forest	Exeter	M. on or b.f.m.	R. N. Creech	C. H. Sande
135	aSt. Clair	Milton	Th. on or b.f.m.	J. W. Elliott	C. E. Hollinr e
136	Richardson	Stouffville	Th. on or b.f.m.	J. W. Ratcliffe	J. W. Shank
137	aPythagoras	Meaford	F. nearest f.m.	H. N. Hartman	F A. Clarke
139	Lebanon	Oshawa	2nd Tuesday	S. J. Babe	A. R. McLea
140	aMalahide	Aylmer	W. on or b.f.m.	E. A. Richards	J. R. Woods
141	aTudor	Mitchell	Tu. on or b.f.m.	J. D. Morrow	A. J. Blowes
142	aExcelsior	Morrisburg	F on or b.f.m.	E. M. Becksted.	R.H.Montgom y
143	aFriendly Bros.	Iroquois	Wed. b.f.m.	J. D. Harkness.	Rev. S. W. Wo
144	aTecumseh	Stratford	3rd Friday	J. A. McFadyen	R. J. Steven
145	aJ. B. Hall	Millbrook	Th. or or b.f.m.	C. Thorndyke	D Hampton
146	aPrince of Wales	Newburgh	Wed. b.f.m.	J. M. Ramsay	J. K. Fraser
147	aMississippi	Almonte	1st Friday	N. Washburn	M. H. Steele
148	aCivil Service	Ottawa	2nd Tuesday	L. H. Sitwell	Thos. Lawson
149	aErie	Port Dover	M. on or b.f.m.	Wm. Fasken	J. R. Davis

and Last Returns Received.—Continued.

No. of Lodge	Initia'd	Passed.	Raised	Joined.	With-drawn.	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Ex-pelled.	Rest'd.	Total M'mb's	Last Ret'rns	Paid Grand Lodge.	Ledger. Dr.Bal.	Ledger. Cr.Bal.
76	26	25	20	1	2	2	4	....	....	....	216	"	168 50	1 25	....
77	13	10	10	5	4	1	....	....	....	....	200	"	122 50	....	....
78	10	9	10	2	5	2	....	....	....	....	175	"	161 00	....	2 00
79	....	1	....	1	....	1	....	....	....	2	73	Dec. '09	42 50	....	....
81	1	2	3	....	1	1	....	2	....	....	91	June, '10	70 00	3 50	....
82	20	20	18	3	1	1	....	....	....	1	98	June, '10	87 00	4 25	....
83	2	1	3	1	3	2	....	....	....	1	113	"	122 50	3 00	....
84	6	8	7	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	86	"	60 25	....	....
85	3	1	1	....	1	1	....	....	....	....	72	"	40 25	....	....
86	24	12	7	4	2	1	....	....	....	1	340	"	215 75	....	6 50
87	4	5	4	4	1	2	2	....	....	....	84	"	69 50	....	....
88	10	10	11	2	1	3	8	....	....	....	160	"	110 25	....	2 00
90	9	7	7	4	3	2	....	....	....	....	207	"	128 55	1 25	....
91	1	....	1	....	3	....	....	....	....	....	98	Dec. '09	57 50	....	....
92	9	8	8	4	3	4	3	....	....	....	191	"	118 50	3 00	....
93	7	6	6	2	....	....	....	....	....	3	109	June, '10	60 75	....	....
94	5	6	6	2	....	1	....	....	....	3	66	"	51 50	25	....
96	16	9	8	4	3	4	....	....	....	2	196	"	132 00	....	2 25
97	1	1	2	....	2	1	7	....	....	2	66	"	64 00	....	....
98	1	1	1	1	....	....	4	....	....	....	53	June, '09	31 50	....	....
99	5	3	4	1	1	....	7	....	....	....	84	June, '10	124 25	....	....
100	12	12	13	2	....	4	1	....	....	3	152	"	138 50	....	....
101	9	6	6	5	2	1	....	....	....	....	140	"	108 75	25	....
103	8	7	10	....	2	3	....	....	....	....	191	"	126 75	....	....
104	7	6	11	....	2	3	4	....	....	1	103	"	77 75	....	3 00
105	10	10	7	1	2	2	2	....	....	2	141	"	82 75	....	....
106	2	3	2	....	1	....	7	....	....	....	72	"	49 50	....	4 00
107	4	4	4	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	76	"	45 75	10 00	....
108	2	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	52	"	23 75	2 25	....
109	7	5	4	1	2	1	....	....	....	....	67	"	95 75	....	....
110	6	4	4	1	3	1	4	....	....	....	118	"	75 25	....	2 00
113	10	12	12	....	2	....	....	....	....	1	144	"	105 00	1 00	....
114	6	6	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	152	"	104 75	....	....
115	8	9	6	2	2	1	....	....	....	....	126	"	124 00	4 00	....
116	1	1	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	44	"	28 00	....	....
118	3	2	4	....	....	....	3	....	....	....	49	"	47 75	15 25	....
119	6	8	5	1	2	1	....	....	....	....	70	"	56 25	....	....
120	3	3	3	2	4	....	....	....	....	....	54	"	30 75	3 75	....
121	38	35	34	5	1	6	5	....	....	....	444	"	385 65	....	....
122	6	7	7	5	....	....	5	....	....	....	122	June, '10	108 75	....	....
123	9	12	19	....	2	3	....	....	....	....	219	"	146 00	....	25
125	8	7	6	....	4	3	....	....	....	....	120	"	77 75	....	2 75
126	6	6	5	2	1	2	1	....	....	....	81	"	64 50	6 50	....
127	....	....	1	1	2	....	1	....	....	4	102	"	53 25	50	....
128	6	7	6	....	1	1	....	....	....	....	149	"	91 75	25	....
129	2	2	2	....	2	....	5	....	....	....	90	"	76 00	37 50	....
131	7	9	9	3	1	2	7	....	....	....	80	"	58 50	....	25
133	6	2	2	1	4	....	....	....	....	1	99	"	64 25	2 50	....
135	8	4	6	....	1	2	....	....	....	2	107	"	69 50	50	....
136	4	5	4	1	2	1	3	....	....	....	62	"	59 75	....	....
137	4	3	3	1	5	....	2	....	....	1	119	"	73 00	3 00	....
139	20	19	15	3	2	6	1	....	....	2	116	"	91 25	1 50	....
140	11	7	6	1	6	2	....	....	....	....	109	"	77 25	6 00	....
141	8	8	7	2	4	....	....	....	....	....	68	"	51 25	....	1 00
142	1	1	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	1	69	Dec. '09	44 25	....	25
143	4	4	3	....	7	3	3	....	....	3	92	"	59 00	....	....
144	27	23	18	4	5	....	8	....	....	2	202	June, '10	158 00	5 50	....
145	3	4	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	56	"	58 50	....	....
146	6	7	7	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	59	"	48 00	25	....
147	4	4	3	1	1	1	....	....	....	....	89	"	93 75	1 80	....
148	10	11	8	8	1	2	....	....	....	....	170	Dec. '09	125 75	....	....
149	4	4	4	2	....	1	2	....	....	1	73	June, '10	37 75	3 00	....

Returns of Lodges as at June 24, 19

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
151	aThe Grand River	Berlin	2nd Tuesday	L. Norman	D. W. Hous
153	aBurns	Wyoming	Th. on or b.f.m.	Thos. Paul	R. Coghlan
154	aIrving	Lucan	Th. on or b.f.m.	D. B. McVicar	C. K. Hacket
155	aPeterboro	Peterboro	1st Friday	A. P. McLean	W. H. Walk
156	aYork	N. Toronto	3rd Friday	Chas. Murphy	Hy. G. Coop
157	Simpson	Newboro	Tu. on or b.f.m.	John E. Dier	Jos. H. Butl
158	aAlexandra	Oil Springs	Thursday a.f.m.	Wm. A. Smith	W. S. Dugg
159	aGoodwood	Richmond	Tu. on or b.f.m.	S. W. Bradley	R. H. Grant
161	aPercy	Warkworth	Wed. b.f.m.	L. B. Glover	W. A. Losie
162	Forest	Wroxeter	M. on or b.f.m.	G. Davidson	Thos. Brown
164	aStar in the East	Wellington	Tu. on or b.f.m.	H. D. Cleminson	W. W. Fitzg
165	aBurlington	Burlington	W. on or b.f.m.	J. A. Lindley	H. M. Pettit
166	aWentworth	Stoney Creek.	M. on or b.f.m.	C. E. Kelly	E. H. Dewar
168	aMerritt	Welland	M. on or b.f.m.	J. E. Cohoe	John Coulson
169	aMacnab	Port Colborne	Tu. on or b.f.m.	G. S. Macdonald	John Cook
170	aBritannia	Seaforth	1st Monday	H. Jeffrey	L. C. Jackso
171	aPrince of Wales.	Lawrence St'n	F. on or a.f.m.	J. C. Lowther	D. D. Crawf
172	aAyr	Ayr	Tu. on or b.f.m.	A. Falconer	J. P. Wyllie
174	aWalsingham	Port Rowan	Th. on or b.f.m.	A. P. Barnett	James Ryan
177	The Builders'	Ottawa	2nd Friday	J. E. Craig	H. H. Cairns
178	aPlattsville	Plattsville	F. on or b.f.m	Geo. M. Veitch.	W. R. Hender
180	aSpeed	Guelph	1st Tuesday	Rev.G.F. Dav'son	W. G.Stephen
181	aOriental	Port Burwell	Tu. on or b.f.m.	John Kemp	W. Cudny
184	aOld Light	Lucknow	Th. on or b.f.m	Arch. Barbour	A. B. McLeod
185	aEnniskillen	York	M. on or b.f.m.	A. Renshaw	B. Bond
186	aPlantagenet	Plantagenet	M. on or b.f.m.	D. N. Dwyer	John Smith
190	Belmont	Belmont	F. on or b.f.m.	D. L. McCrae	Jas. McMillar
192	aOrillia	Orillia	1st Friday	Harry Parsons	G. A. Cole
193	aScotland	Scotland	M. on or b.f.m.	Wm. Stuart	E. G. Malcol
194	aPetrolia	Petrolia	2nd Wednesday.	J. G. Hutchcroft	E. Preston
195	aTuscan	London	1st Monday	Alex. Gillean	P.W.D.Brodicl
196	aMadawaska	Arnprior	2nd Monday	A. E. de Renzy	Hy. Newham
197	aSaugeen	Walkerton	2nd Tuesday	W. H. McBurney	W. H. Thomp
200	St. Alban's	Mount Forest	F. on or b.f.m.	E. B. Yule	John Hogarth
201	aLeeds	Gananoque	Tu. on or b.f.m.	A. B. Munro	R. G. Grahar
203	Irvine	Elora	3rd Friday	F. J. Capell	Thos Godfrey
205	New Dominion	New Hamburg	M. on or a.f.m.	W. Sutherland	S. G. Holley
207	aLancaster	Lancaster	Tu. on or b.f.m.	S. T. O. McLaren	W. N. McGilli
209a	aSt. John's	London	1st Friday	Jared Vining	J. E.Keenleys
209	Evergreen	Lanark	1st Tuesday	David McLaren.	Wm. McDona
212	aElysian	Garden Island	1st Monday	John Kennedy	Rollie Mullin
215	Lake	Ameliasburg	M. on or b.f.m.	C. H. Brooks	Jas. E. Glen
216	aHarris	Orangeville	Tu. on or b.f.m.	W. H. Bowles	D. McPherson
217	aFrederick	Delhi	M. on or b.f.m.	R. W. Tindale	P. G. White
218	aStevenson	Toronto	2nd Monday	Frank Hague	J. H. Horswel
219	aCredit	Georgetown	F. on or b.f.m.	F. A. Harley	A. R. Mills
220	Zeredatha	Uxbridge	M. on or b.f.m.	J. H. Chinn	G. E. Gilfilla
221	aMountain	Thorold	W. on or b.f.m.	J. R. Dinwoodie	Lewis Smith
222	aMarmora	Marmora	M. on or b.f.m.	A. H. Connor	C. A. Bleecke
223	a Norwood	Norwood	M. on or b.f.m.	D. W. Anderson	E. C. Squire
224	aZurich	Hensall	M. on or b.f.m.	J. McDiarmid	Jas. Bonthron
228	aBernard	Listowel	F on or b.f.m.	Jos. Ainley	J. J. Foster
228	aPrince Arthur	Odessa	M. on or a.f.m.	P. A. Snider	Robt. Bennett
229	aIonic	Brampton	3rd Tuesday	J. S. Beck	W. H.McFadd
230	Kerr	Barrie	3rd Friday	R. J. Sprott	H. A. Lenno
231	Lodge of Fidelity.	Ottawa	3rd Tuesday	Fred. Crowe	Jno. F. Stewa
232	aCameron	Dutton	W. on or b.f.m.	P. Duncanson	Wm. Hockin
233	Doric	Park Hill	Tu. on or b.f.m.	W. G. S. Fraser	F. T. Zapfe
234	aBeaver	Clarksburg	Tu. on or b.f.m.	W. E. Cumming	J. H. Dickins
235	Aldworth	Paisley	F. on or b.f.m.	R. B. Grant	Geo. H. Bell
236	aManitoba	Cookstown	Tu. on or a.f.m.	W. G. Mackay	H. I. Ross
237	Vienna	Vienna	F. on or b.f.m.	Ed. Scruton	S. S. Clutton

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No. of Lodge	Initia'd	Passed.	Raised	Joined.	With-drawn.	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Ex-pelled.	Rest'd.	Total M'mb'rs	Last Returns		Paid Grand Lodge.	Ledger. Dr.Bal.	Cr.Bal.
151	15	13	14	5	9	1	3	....	....	....	199	"		121 25	.....	.. ....
153	6	6	6	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	104	"		72 25	.....	.. ....
154	5	5	4	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	81	Dec.	'09	74 75	.....	.. ....
155	9	9	7	2	1	1	3	....	....	....	203	"		177 25	1 50	.. ...
156	24	15	9	1	3	2	1	....	....	....	193	June,	'10	95 00	1 00	.. ....
157	4	3	2	1	....	1	....	....	....	1	73	"		52 50	.....	.. .
158	4	2	....	1	1	1	....	....	....	....	65	"		48 75	25	.. ....
159	4	4	5	1	2	1	2	....	....	....	87	"		83 50	.....	25
161	2	2	2	....	3	1	8	....	....	2	72	"		55 00	23 50	.. ...
162	3	3	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	45	Dec.	'09	34 50	.....	50
164	6	1	....	....	1	2	1	....	....	....	125	"		92 50	.....	25
165	5	5	5	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	106	Dec.	'09	109 50	.....	1 00
166	2	3	3	2	11	1	....	....	....	....	128	June,	'10	76 50	4 00	.. ...
168	10	7	10	2	2	....	....	....	....	....	122	"		102 35	.....	.. ....
169	4	5	5	2	1	....	....	....	....	....	78	"		69 70	.....	1 25
170	9	7	6	1	....	3	....	....	....	....	98	"		66 75	25	.. ....
171	3	2	2	1	3	....	....	....	....	....	40	"		28 00	2 75	.. ....
172	1	1	....	2	1	1	....	....	....	....	48	"		25 00	25	.. ...
174	6	5	3	2	2	1	....	....	....	....	65	"		33 75	.....	.. ....
177	11	13	16	4	2	6	....	....	....	1	219	"		182 00	.....	.. ....
178	2	2	1	2	2	1	....	....	....	....	44	"		20 75	.....	.. ....
180	10	7	5	2	3	1	1	....	....	1	86	"		68 25	1 50	.. ....
181	2	3	3	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	38	"		23 00	1 00	.. ...
184	2	2	4	2	3	2	5	....	....	1	99	"		80 75	.....	50
185	1	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	27	Dec.	'09	31 75	.....	.. .
186	4	3	3	....	3	2	6	....	....	1	52	June,	'10	57 00	1 75	.. ...
190	4	3	4	....	2	1	....	....	....	....	71	"		58 00	25	.. ....
192	11	8	7	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	190	"		156 00	.....	2 25
193	3	1	1	2	1	1	6	....	....	3	88	"		48 75	3 05	.. ....
194	3	4	8	1	2	1	....	....	....	....	90	"		68 80	3 25	.. ....
195	14	10	1	3	....	3	....	....	....	1	97	"		126 00	.....	.. ....
196	8	2	2	3	....	4	3	....	....	2	115	"		77 75	.....	.. ....
197	2	3	3	4	2	....	3	....	....	1	66	"		52 25	.....	.. ....
200	7	6	5	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	70	"		51 00	32 70	.. ....
201	14	10	12	3	3	2	5	....	....	2	162	"		118 00	25	.. ...
203	9	9	7	1	1	2	....	....	....	....	78	"		52 25	.....	.. ....
205	4	2	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	41	"		24 50	.....	.. ....
207	15	12	9	4	4	....	....	....	....	3	90	"		130 75	2 00	.. ...
209a	15	15	17	4	4	1	3	....	....	....	324	"		189 25	.....	.. ....
209	3	3	4	....	1	1	5	....	....	....	46	"		43 50	.....	.. ...
212	2	2	2	....	6	....	5	....	....	1	17	"		24 50	.....	50
215	4	4	4	1	1	....	5	....	....	....	63	"		40 50	4 75	.. ....
216	11	10	8	2	....	1	5	....	....	....	169	"		157 50	.....	.. ....
217	3	3	3	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	64	"		62 00	20 00	.. ....
218	12	12	7	4	....	4	6	....	....	1	238	"		228 50	7 50	.. ....
219	4	4	4	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	84	June,	'10	58 00	3 50	.. ....
220	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	94			40 15	26 50	.. ..
221	14	12	15	....	4	4	....	....	....	2	138	June,	'10	97 25	.....	.. ....
222	5	3	3	1	1	1	5	....	....	....	81	"		57 25	25	.. ....
223	5	4	2	1	4	....	1	....	....	....	92	"		85 50	.....	.. ....
224	4	3	6	....	5	2	....	....	....	....	81	"		69 00	.....	.. ....
225	16	10	5	7	2	1	2	....	....	1	101	"		63 75	.....	.. ....
228	5	6	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	47	"		35 50	.....	.. ...
229	11	8	7	2	3	2	1	....	....	....	107	"		79 75	3 00	.. ....
230	14	10	7	1	2	....	....	....	....	....	118	"		119 50	.....	.. ....
231	27	28	22	3	2	1	2	....	....	1	225	"		172 00	.....	.. ....
232	4	2	2	1	2	....	....	....	....	....	62	Dec.	'09	65 25	.....	1 00
233	4	7	6	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	76	June,	'10	67 25	.....	.. ...
234	6	5	4	....	4	....	....	....	....	....	77	"		27 75	.....	.. ....
235	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	65			25 50	.....	.. ....
236	1	....	6	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	70	June,	'10	41 50	.....	.. ...
237	2	1	....	2	1	....	....	....	....	....	54	"		45 50	.....	.. ...

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No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held	Night of Meeting.	Secretary.	W. Master
238	Havelock	Watford	Tues. b.f.m.	J. W. McLaren.	H. R. Stuart
239	Tweed	Tweed	F. on or b.f.m.	J. J. Porritt.	W. W. Garrett
242	aMacoy	Mallorytown	M. on or b.f.m.	D. Massey	R. H. McCall
243	aSt. George	St. George	Th. on or b.f.m.	Daniel Burt	R. G. Lawrason
245	aTecumseh	Thamesville	M. on or b.f.m.	H. J. Vance	Robt. Pye
247	aAshlar	Toronto	4th Tuesday	E.W.E.Saunders	W. H. Best
249	aCaledonian	Midland	M. on or b.f.m.	W. H. Thornton	S. McVicker
250	Thistle	Embro	Th. on or b.f.m	W. H. Beaver	G. M. Creighton
253	aMinden	Kingston	1st Tuesday	John King	T. D. Minnes
254	Clifton	Niagara Falls	1st Thursday	C. W. Anderson	S. D. Warren
255	Sydenham	Dresden	2nd Thursday	Rev. N. Lindsay	Jno. Watson
256	aFarran's Point	Aultsville	W. on or b.f.m.	W. A. Edwards	R. H. Hanes
257	aGalt	Galt	1st Tuesday	Robt. Clark	J. A. Carrick
258	Guelph	Guelph	2nd Tuesday	Chas. M. Gair	R. T. Powell
259	Springfield	Springfield	M. on or b.f.m.	E. B. McKenney	M. M. Black
260	aWashington	Petrolia	1st Wednesday	Wm. Dunlop	B. Dunlop
261	aOak Branch	Innerskip	Th. on or b.f.m.	H. H. McLean	R. Q.Irving
262	aHarriston	Harriston	2nd Monday	R. J. Martin	Rev.C.Scudamore
263	aForest	Forest	W. on or b.f.m.	D. D. Brodie	P. W. Campbell
264	aChaudiere	Ottawa	4th Tuesday	John W. Pask	W. E. Hayes
265	Patterson	Thornhill	Th. on or b.f.m.	W. H. Carleton	J. E. Francis
266	aNorthern Light	Stayner	Tu. on or b.fm.	D. G. Bell	H. C. Shepherd
267	Parthenon	Chatham	1st Wednesday	J. G. Martin	J. W. Plewes
268	aVerulam	Bobcaygeon	F. on or b.f.m.	Rev.F.L.Barber	A. E. Bottu
269	aBrougham Union	Claremont	W. on or a.f.m.	John Forgie	Rev.W.R.Wo
270	aCedar	Oshawa	4th Tuesday	W. J. Adair	L. K. Murton
271	Wellington	Erin	W. on or b.f.m.	Jas. M. Abbott	D. Campbell
272	Seymour	Ancaster	Tu on or b.f.m.	J. H. Bates	John Pickard
274	aKent	Blenheim	2nd Monday	J. H. Holmes	J. Crookshank
276	aTeeswater	Teeswater	4th Thursday	M. H. Gillies	R. E. Campbell
277	aSeymour	Port Dalhousie	W. on or b.f.m.	Robt. Johnston	John Green
279	New Hope	Hespeler	W. on or b.f.m.	W. J. Little	Jno. Jardine
282	Lorne	Glencoe	Th. on or b.f.m.	D. McEachran	W. K. Fonca
283	aEureka	Belleville	W. a.f.m.	A. R. Walker	W. J. Diamond
284	St. John's	Brussels	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Henry Duncan	Samuel Wilt
285	Seven Star	Alliston	W. on or a.f.m.	J. J. Milligan	W. S. Ellis
286	Wingham	Wingham	1st Tuesday	J. W. McKibbon	J. A. Morton
287	aShuniah	Port Arthur	1st Tuesday	J. S. McNulty	W. J. Gurne
289	a Doric	Lobo	Th. or or b.f.m.	D. McArthur	P.L.Graham,D
290	aLeamington	Leamington	Tu. on or b.f.m.	F. S. Moss	W. A. Baker
291	aDufferin	W. Flamboro	Th. on or b.f.m.	Frank C. Biggs	Alfred Jones
292	aRobertson	King	M. on or b.f.m.	Geo. Stone	A. Carley
294	aMoore	Courtright	Th. on or b.f.m.	F. J. Tully	R. G. Stewart
295	aConestogo	Drayton	1st Tuesday	Rev.W.Fletcher.	Calvert Scarr
296	aTemple	St. Catharines	Last Wednesday	A. M. Watts	K. G. Beeton
297	Preston	Preston	F. on or b.f.m.	Geo. H. Skipton	H. L. Clare
299	Victoria	Centreville	Th. on or b.f.m.	S. D. Wagar	Robert Cox
300	aMount Olivet	Thorndale	Tu. on or b.f.m.	R. H. Harding	Jas. L. Gue
302	St. David's	St. Thomas	3rd Thursday	E. S. Brown	F. S. Lewis
303	aBlyth	Blyth	Tu. on or a.f.m.	B. H. Hamilton	J. M. Hamilton
304	aMinerva	Stroud	Tu on or b.f.m.	R. H. Bowman	Jas. Black
305	Humber	Weston	4th Friday	Thos. Kennedy	John Hamsh
306	Durham	Durham	2nd Tuesday	J. F. Grant	J. A. Graha
307	aArkona	Arkona	Th. on or b.f.m.	A. M. Thoman	Fred Nelson
309	aMorning Star	Carlow	W. on or b.f.m.	Arch. Jackson	John Varcoe
311	aBlackwood	Woodbridge	F. on or b.f.m.	Ebenezer Smith	D Norton
312	aPnyx	Wallaceburg	M. on or b.f.m.	W. J. Cousins	E. E. Parker
313	aClementi	Lakefield	1st Tuesday	Jas. B. Isbister	O. A. Langley
314	aBlair	Palmerston	Fri. after f.m.	H. B. Coleman	P. J. Fasken
315	Clifford	Clifford	3rd Monday	Sam Reading	R. R. Tough
316	aDoric	Toronto	3rd Thursday	Fred. J. Mann	J. B. Sutherland
318	aWilmot	Baden	F. on or a.f.m.	A. Bechtel	J. A. Butler

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238	3	3	3	1	1	....	1	....	....	1	70	"			79 00	.....	.. ....
239	6	5	5	3	3	2	4	....	....	....	109	"			77 00	3 50	.. ....
242	2	2	2	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	89	"			48 25	.....	.. ....
243	3	3	3	....	3	....	3	....	....	....	79	"			50 25	3 00	.. ....
245	5	2	1	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	67	"			37 00	1 00	.. ...
247	25	23	26	7	6	2	1	....	....	....	359	"			216 25	.....	.. ....
249	11	11	11	4	....	4	6	....	....	4	139	"			125 00	.....	12 00
250	1	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	30	Dec.	'09		47 50	25	.. ....
253	17	17	17	2	4	....	2	....	....	....	119	June,	'10		89 50	.....	.. ...
254	15	17	16	1	1	2	....	....	....	....	189	"			233 00	.....	.. ....
255	5	5	4	2	1	....	....	....	....	....	81	"			1 00	.....	1 00
256	5	3	2	1	2	1	7	....	....	3	78	"			188 75	.....	.. ....
257	6	2	2	1	3	....	1	....	....	1	175	"			120 25	.....	.. ....
258	4	4	3	....	2	1	3	....	....	....	120	"			85 25	.....	75
259	2	2	2	....	1	1	....	....	....	....	56	"			57 25	.....	.. ....
260	10	8	6	1	1	1	7	....	....	1	122	"			110 25	.....	1 00
261	5	2	3	....	2	1	....	....	....	1	38	"			20 00	50	.. ....
262	5	5	1	3	....	1	....	....	....	....	98	June,	'10		60 25	.....	1 00
263	7	7	8	1	....	1	....	....	....	1	89	"			66 50	.....	.. ....
264	19	19	16	1	1	3	....	....	....	1	219	"			185 00	74 50	.. ....
265	9	8	5	....	2	....	2	....	....	....	58	"			37 75	.....	.. ....
266	4	3	....	1	2	....	....	....	....	....	34	"			12 75	6 00	.. ....
267	36	31	34	9	1	3	1	....	....	1	192	Dec.	'09		203 25	.....	.. ...
268	8	3	1	....	1	1	....	....	....	....	66	June,	'10		61 75	.....	.. ....
269	9	6	4	1	6	....	1	....	....	1	69	"			128 00	4 00	.. ...
270	13	12	12	....	4	....	....	....	....	....	104	"			51 00	.....	.. ....
271	2	2	3	....	....	....	3	....	....	....	70	"			45 50	25	.. ....
272	6	4	5	....	2	1	....	....	....	....	125	"			84 25	25	.. ....
274	12	7	8	1	1	....	3	....	....	....	107	"			86 00	1 50	.. ....
276	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	37	Dec.	'09		24 50	3 50	.. ....
277	1	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	51	June,	'10		38 25	.....	50
279	6	6	9	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	82	"			76 25	.....	.. ...
282	2	1	....	....	3	1	....	....	....	....	69	"			29 50	.....	.. ....
283	4	5	7	....	1	....	....	....	....	2	100	"			84 75	.....	.. ...
284	11	8	9	....	3	1	....	....	....	....	87	"			82 75	.....	50
285	3	1	1	....	1	1	....	....	....	2	81	"			56 50	1 00	.. ....
286	2	5	5	....	3	....	1	....	....	1	77	"			67 75	.....	.. ....
287	20	23	21	4	2	4	....	1	....	1	224	"			251 10	1 25	.. ....
289	3	3	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	46	"			38 50	50	.. ....
290	4	2	2	1	1	1	....	....	....	3	135	"			143 25	1 00	.. ...
291	7	10	9	1	4	1	8	....	....	1	93	"			122 50	.....	.. ....
292	2	2	1	....	2	....	1	....	....	....	44	"			31 25	.....	.. ....
294	5	4	4	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	52	"			34 00	3 00	.. ....
295	3	3	6	....	3	....	2	....	....	....	66	"			78 50	.....	3 75
296	7	6	6	3	1	....	....	....	....	....	93	"			74 50	.....	.. ...
297	3	4	4	1	2	....	....	....	....	1	79	"			47 85	1 00	.. ....
299	5	4	3	....	1	1	....	....	....	1	46	"			33 75	1 50	.. ....
300	4	2	2	1	1	....	....	....	....	1	53	"			37 00	9 00	.. ....
302	24	19	15	1	3	....	4	....	....	3	245	"			164 75	82 00	.. ...
303	6	5	6	....	1	1	....	....	....	....	60	"			31 50	.....	.. ....
304	....	2	5	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	87	"			66 00	.....	.. ..
305	6	5	5	3	1	....	....	....	....	....	74	June,	'10		52 00	1 80	.. ....
306	1	2	2	....	1	....	1	....	....	....	60	"			30 25	80	.. ....
307	6	6	3	....	1	2	1	....	....	....	42				32 25	.....	.. ....
309	1	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	58	Dec.	'09		57 50	.....	1 50
311	7	3	2	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	64	"			55 50	7 00	.. ....
312	1	2	2	....	1	1	1	....	....	....	98	"			63 00	.....	.. ....
313	7	8	6	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	89	June,	'10		63 50	4 00	.. ...
314	5	6	6	1	2	1	....	....	....	....	91	"			70 50	1 00	.. ....
315	6	6	6	2	1	....	....	....	....	....	62	"			37 75	2 50	.. ...
316	12	11	8	2	3	1	3	....	....	....	367	Dec.	'09		276 75	7 50	.. ....
318	1	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	28	June,	'10		9 75	.....	.. ...

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No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
319	aHiram	Hagersville	Th. on or b.f.m.	W. J. Trotter..	R. McDonald
320	aChesterville	Chesterville	M. on or b.f.m.	A. S. Morrison.	Rev.S.A.Wood
321	aWalker	Acton West	M. on or b.f.m.	J. R. Kennedy .	R. M. McDona
322	aNorth Star	Owen Sound	W. a.f.m.	G. A. Woodside	E. E. Miller.
323	aAlvinston	Alvinston	W. on or b.f.m.	J.D.Williamson.	W. E. Germai
324	aTemple	Hamilton	2nd Tuesday	T. M. Wright..	Thos. Pedler
325	Orono	Orono	Th. on or b.f.m	Wm. G. Rundle	Thos. Smith
326	aZetland	Toronto	4th Friday	Jas. H. Lumbers	J. H. Macabe
327	The Hammond	Wardsville	Tu. on or b.f.m.	C.C.McNaughton	H. A. Wilson
328	Ionic	Napier	F. on dr b.f.m.	Rev.C.F.Clarke.	W. L. Toohill
329	aKing Solomon	Jarvis	F. on or b.f.m.	Geo. L. Miller..	Jas. Noble
330	aCorinthian	London East	1st Tuesday	J. L. Whitehead	H. C. Simpsor
331	Fordwich	Fordwich	Th. on or b.f.m.	Wm. Jameson .	A. C. Hutchis
332	Stratford	Stratford	2nd Monday	E. J. Smith....	F. J. Scarff
333	Prince Arthur	Flesherton	F. on or b.f.m.	C. A. Munshaw	Thos. Clayton
334	aPrince Arthur	Arthur	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Geo. A. Shaver.	Peter Greig,
336	aHighgate	Highgate	F. on or b.f.m.	Solomon Gosnell	J. G. Crosby.
337	aMyrtle	Port Robinson	Tu. on or b.f.m.	John Higbee ...	Wm. Grisdale
338	Dufferin	Wellandport	Tu. on or b.f.m.	W. H. Robins...	Jas. R. Goring
339	aOrient	Toronto	1st Tuesday	A. M. Thorne...	F. H. Anders
341	aBruce	Tiverton	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Jas. McEwen ..	J. M. Bowie.
343	Georgina	Toronto	1st Saturday	J. Billinghurst.	Geo. Thompso
344	Merrill	Dorchester St'n	Th. on or b.f.m.	Jos. Hunt	W. J. Canning
345	Nilestown	Nilestown	Tu. on or b.f.m.	C. G. Carlton .	A. O. Barrov
346	aOccident	Toronto	3rd Wednesday..	J. H. Murray...	C. C. Wightm
347	aMercer	Fergus	1st Friday.....	J. H. Worden..	J. V. Watkin
348	aGeorgian	Penetan'sh'ne	1st Thursday....	Geo. H. Travis.	W. H. Hewsor
352	aGranite	Parry Sound.	3rd Wednesday.	J. P. Weeks....	J. H. Knifton
354	Brock	Cannington	W. on or b.f.m.	H. W. Mann....	J. A. Kift ..
356	River Park	Streetsville	1st Tuesday	O. R. Church..	Rev.S.T.Marti
357	Waterdown	Millgrove	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Chas.Goodbrand	R. Flatt .....
358	aDelaware Valley	Delaware	F. on or b.f.m.	A. D. McKellar	Wm. Harker
359	aVittoria	Vittoria	F. on or b.f.m.	N. G. Wilson...	John Pow ..
360	aMuskoka	Bracebridge	1st Tuesday	Hy. C. Wales...	F. P. Warne
361	aWaverley	Guelph	4th Monday	W. P. Gamble..	W. Simpson
362	aMaple Leaf	Tara	M. on or b.f.m.	W. C. Croome..	L. G. Briggs
364	aDufferin	Melbourne	W. on or b.f.m.	Alex. Dewar ...	G. L. Griffith
367	aSt. George	Toronto	1st Friday	John Brennan .	R. C. Gallahe
368	aSalem	Brockville	2nd Monday	R. W. Davidson.	E. A. Geiger .
369	aMimico	Lambton Mills.	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Geo. Aymer ...	P. H. Brown
370	Harmony	Delta	W. on or b.f.m.	W. C. Johnson	J. W. Russell
371	aPrince of Wales.	Ottawa	4th Friday	A. E. Cowan....	J. B. Wright
372	aPalmer	Bridgeburg	1st Tuesday	W. G. Willson..	J. G. Watts .
373	aCopestone	Welland	1st Thursday....	P. A. Rice.....	Thos. Main
374	aKeene	Keene	Th. on or b.f.m.	A. D. Anderson	S. A. Smithso
375	aLorne	Omemee	1st Monday.....	D. H. McMann..	W. J. Thorn
376	aUnity	Huntsville	2nd Wednesday.	E.C.Wainwright	D. M. Grant
377	aLorne	Shelburne	1st Friday.....	R. J. Watson..	E. A. Ferguso
378	aKing Solomon's	London West	2nd Thursday...	Wm. Wilson ..	Wm. Nicho'l
379	aMiddlesex	Bryanston	W. on or b.f.m.	T. H. Needham.	Alex. Grant .
380	aUnion	London	2nd Monday ...	J. H. Moran....	Jos. Ward ...
382	Doric	Hamilton	3rd Monday.....	John Moffatt ...	C.V.Emory,M.
383	aHenderson	W. Winchester	F. on or b.f.m.	Wm. Latimer ..	G. E. Payne.
384	aAlpha	Toronto	1st Thursday....	Ray. Walker....	E. J. Voss ...
385	aSpry	Beeton	M. on or b.f.m.	H. G. Carter....	D. S. Morrow
386	aMcColl	West Lorne	Tu. on or b.f.m.	W. H. Bennett.	A. Petherick
387	aLansdowne	Lansdowne	Th. on or b.f.m.	J. G. Mitchell..	Geo. Stevens
388	aHenderson	Ilderton	M. on or b.f.m.	W. G. Taylor...	R. H. Morgar
389	aCrystal Fountain	N. Augusta	W. on or b.f.m.	W. H. Murphy.	J. B. Checkley
390	aFlorence	Florence	F. on or b.f.m.	W. P. McCrary.	W. J. Drew...
391	aHoward	Ridgetown	M. on or b.f.m.	J. A. Crawford.	W. H. Ellswor
392	aHuron	Camlachie	W. on or b.f.m.	D. S. Evans....	A. Trusler ...

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319	9	6	5	3	....	....	....	....	....	1	83	"	87 25	.....	4 75
320	6	2	2	3	3	....	....	....	....	5	83	"	74 00	.....	3 00
321	5	5	4	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	61	"	41 00	.....	.. ....
322	6	3	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	176	"	110 50	1 00	.. ....
323	3	3	5	2	2	1	3	....	....	1	67	"	45 85	.....	.. ....
324	23	21	21	3	6	5	4	....	....	1	360	"	207 00	5 50	.. ....
325	5	4	4	....	3	....	....	....	....	1	43	"	29 50	.....	.. ....
326	30	27	26	....	3	8	5	....	....	3	535	"	333 75	4 50	.. ....
327	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	1	27	"	15 00	6 50	.. ....
328	1	4	6	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	41	"	40 75	1 05	.. ....
329	3	3	3	3	2	....	....	....	....	....	69	"	45 50	.....	.. ....
330	9	12	8	....	2	3	....	....	....	2	179	"	177 25	.....	.. ....
331	4	4	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	43	"	19 50	25	.. ....
332	13	8	6	1	5	....	5	....	....	1	161	"	154 25	2 25	.. ....
333	4	4	4	....	5	2	....	....	....	....	53	"	40 00	.....	.. ....
334	1	3	4	1	1	....	1	....	....	....	54	"	50 25	.....	.. ....
336	2	2	2	....	1	....	2	....	....	....	58	"	18 75	17 50	.. ....
337	....	....	....	1	1	1	....	....	....	....	53	"	30 75	.....	25
338	4	2	2	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	70	"	62 50	22 00	.. ....
339	19	14	9	1	4	3	13	....	....	1	315	"	183 00	.....	.. ....
341	3	3	2	1	4	5	9	1	....	....	53	"	95 25	31 75	.. ....
343	23	19	22	6	9	2	....	....	....	....	315	"	279 75	7 50	.. ....
344	2	3	5	....	1	....	....	....	....	1	49	"	38 00	.....	25
345	4	3	3	2	1	....	....	....	....	1	60	June, '10	39 50	.....	.. ....
346	21	18	21	5	2	1	3	....	....	....	289	"	334 25	.....	.. ....
347	3	3	3	....	1	1	....	....	....	....	62	"	37 75	3 00	.. ....
348	8	8	6	....	6	1	1	....	....	....	88	Dec. '09	81 50	.....	2 50
352	11	8	8	3	2	....	5	....	....	....	117	June, '10	89 50	.....	.. ....
354	1	1	4	2	1	1	....	....	....	1	69	"	71 00	.....	3 00
356	4	4	2	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	59	"	54 75	.....	. ....
357	6	4	2	....	2	2	....	....	....	....	103	"	77 85	.....	.. ....
358	6	6	7	....	1	1	....	....	....	....	52	"	26 75	33 75	.. ....
359	1	1	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	49	"	30 75	.....	. ....
360	6	4	4	....	1	3	....	....	....	....	78	"	73 50	3 00	. ....
361	18	16	16	3	2	1	....	....	....	1	159	"	151 50	1 50	.. ....
362	6	6	3	2	1	....	3	....	....	1	56	"	35 00	3 25	. ....
364	2	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	47	"	.....	.....	2 00
367	27	27	30	5	1	4	6	....	....	1	345	"	359 25	.....	.. ....
368	12	13	11	2	4	2	2	....	....	2	184	"	156 25	.....	.. ....
369	10	9	6	1	1	....	4	....	....	1	109	"	113 75	.....	21 50
370	4	3	1	1	1	2	1	....	....	....	69	"	58 50	.....	.. ....
371	11	9	8	2	2	1	3	....	....	....	154	"	95 50	25	. ....
372	8	10	9	....	....	2	1	....	....	....	96	"	58 75	.....	.. ....
373	6	5	4	4	1	....	....	....	....	....	94	"	54 75	50	.. ....
374	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	36	Dec. '09	20 00	.....	.. ....
375	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	32	"	32 25	.....	. ....
376	7	7	8	1	2	1	5	....	....	....	106	June, '10	89 50	.....	6 50
377	6	7	6	....	2	2	....	....	....	....	83	"	61 25	.....	.. ....
378	20	23	22	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	165	"	147 25	25	.. ....
379	3	3	2	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	41	"	23 50	.....	.. ....
380	15	13	10	1	1	3	2	....	....	....	224	"	130 75	3 00	.. ....
382	25	16	18	8	4	2	9	....	....	....	324	"	248 75	2 50	. ....
383	6	7	8	1	9	2	3	....	....	....	97	"	61 25	.....	.. ....
384	11	16	13	1	1	2	....	....	....	1	360	Dec. '09	302 50	.....	.. ....
385	4	7	6	1	2	....	....	....	....	....	86	June, '10	75 80	.....	.. ....
386	5	6	5	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	90	"	59 75	.....	.. ....
387	6	7	7	....	1	1	2	....	....	....	50		55 50	.....	.. ....
388	7	7	7	1	....	1	7	....	....	1	39	June, '10	.....	2 50	.. ....
389	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	61	Dec. '09	22 25	.....	25
390	....	1	1	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	40	June, '10	57 75	.....	.. ....
391	4	8	9	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	84	"	84 85	.....	12 00
392	2	2	2	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	73	"	43 25	.....	.. ....

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393	Forest	Chesley	Tu. on or b.f.m.	W. B. Smith...	J. J. Neelin..
394	King Solomon	Thamesford	W on or b.f.m.	D. L. Morrison.	J. A. McDonal
395	Parvaim	Comber	F. on or b.f.m.	Walter Toms ...	W. G. Campbe
396	aCedar	Wiarton	Tu. on or b.f.m.	A. H. Hough...	J. F. Paterson
397	aLeopold	Brigden	W. on or b.f.m.	Jas. McDonald..	Chas. C. Watac
398	Victoria	Kirkfield	F. on or b.f.m.	R.A.E.Oliphant.	E. Mosgrove ..
399	Moffat	Harrietsville	W. on or b.f.m.	M. McVicar	S. E. Facey .
400	aOakville	Oakville	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Arthur Hillmer.	C. A. Bradbur
401	aCraig	Deseronto	1st Tuesday	Jas. Sexsmith ..	W. J McMickir
402	Central	Essex	W. on or b.f.m.	L. E. Barber....	R. J. Shaw ...
403	aWindsor	Windsor	1st Friday.....	F. M. Allworth.	A. N. Pettit .
404	aLorne	Tamworth	F. on or b.f.m.	A. B. Carscallen	J. Aylesworth
405	Mattawa	Mattawa	1st Tuesday ..	E. R. Legg.....	W.G.Dinwoodie
406	aSpry	Fenelon Falls	W. on or b.f.m.	Heber Johnston.	E Fitzgerald
408	Murray	Beaverton	Tu. on or b.f.m.	David Walls ...	P. E. Byrne..
409	aGolden Rule	Gravenhurst	2nd Monday ...	Lollard McLeay.	J. C. Davidson
410	aZeta	Toronto	4th Friday.....	W. C. Robson ..	A. E. Faulds .
411	aRodney	Rodney	W. on or b.f.m.	J. A. McDonald	D. W. Grahan
412	aKeystone	S. St. Marie	1st Tuesday	E. M. Shaw	R. G. Campbe
413	aNaphtali	Til'by Centre	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Herbert Sloan..	H. Callwood ..
414	Pequonga	Kenora	1st Wednesday..	S. C. Sharman..	Jos. L. Palme
415	aFort William	Fort William	2nd Wednesday.	E. E. Wood....	Geo. H. Cook
416	Lyn	Lyn	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Geo. Bryson ...	A. E. Cummin
417	aKeewatin	Keewatin Mills	1st Friday.....	G. B. Elson....	A. J. Holmes .
418	aMaxville	Maxville	2nd Tuesday ...	J. A. Welsh....	G. H. McDouga
419	aBismarck	Point Edward.	2nd Monday.....	W. J. Alcock ..	B. F. George .
420	Nipissing	North Bay	2nd Monday.....	A. H. McMullen	J. B. Willis .
421	aScott	Grand Valley	M. on or b.f.m.	W. L. Craig....	Wm. McIntyre
422	Star of the East	Bothwell	W. on or b.f.m.	Rich. Drew	W. H. Bradley
423	aStrong	Sundridge	3rd Monday.....	T. A. Wickett.	John Maxwell
424	aDoric	Pickering	Th. on or b.f.m.	J. S. Jephson..	T. M. McFadde
425	aSt. Clair	Sombra	Tu. on or b.f.m.	O. A. Smith....	J. W. Burnhar
426	aStanley	Toronto	1st Tuesday	R. Gourlay	Wm. Harris ..
427	aNickel	Sudbury	1st Wednesday..	R.H.Martindale.	Jos. Fowler ..
428	Fidelity	Port Perry	F on or b.f.m.	A. S. Ebbels....	W. S. Short .
429	aPort Elgin	Port Elgin	Th. on or b.f.m.	J.W.Dougherty.	Geo. W. Smith
430	aAcacia	Toronto	3rd Monday.....	F. B. Abbott...	Geo. H. Wixor
431	Moravian	Eden Grove	F. on or a.f.m.	M. L. Ziegler...	W. J. Loughlee
432	aHanover	Hanover	F on or b.f.m.	Jas. A. Magee..	Chas. Coppinge
433	aBonnechere	Eganville	2nd Monday.....	A. E. Needham.	Jas. Reeves ..
434	aAlgonquin	Emsdale	Tu. on or a.f.m.	S. N. Milligan..	J. H. Metcalfe
435	aHavelock	Havelock	F. on or b.f.m.	J. R. Boylan...	W. Patterson
436	aBurns	Hepworth	Tu. on or a.f.m.	J.A.Cruickshank	R. E. Reid....
437	aTuscan	Sarnia	3rd Wednesday..	J. A. Bell, M D.	S. E. Cornell
438	aHarmony	Toronto	4th Monday.....	J. A. Rowland..	W. T. Martin
439	aAlexandria	Alexandria	1st Tuesday	John A. Gray..	Geo. Bradley .
440	Arcadia	Minden	F on or b.f.m.	D. J. Hartle....	Wesley Oliver.
441	Westport	Westport	1st Friday.....	B. C. Taggart...	J. R. Gorrell..
442	aDyment	Thessalon	Th. on or b.f.m.	W. M. Argue...	J. N. Glanville
443	aPowassan	Powassan	2nd Friday.....	Alex. Ferguson.	John Dey .....
444	aNitetis	Creemore	Tu. on or a.f.m.	J. R. Lawrence	H. Hopkins ...
445	aLake of the Woods	Kenora	2nd Wednesday.	H.S.Berlanguet.	Wm. E. Chappl
446	aGranite	Fort Frances	1st Tuesday	F. M. Gibson....	W. J. Clark...
447	Sturgeon Falls	Sturgeon Falls	2nd Monday	J. A. Nixon....	Wm. Anderson
448	Xenophon	Wheatley	Tu. on or b.f.m.	D. G. Scott.....	A. M. Wilson .
449	aDundalk	Dundalk	M. on or b.f.m.	A. E. Champ...	W. J. Fry ....
450	aHawkesbury	Hawkesbury	Thursday b.f.m.	S. E. McGibbon	A. L. Eastcott
451	aSomerville	Kinmount	Th. on or b.f.m.	E. A. Wellstood	H. L. Newman
452	aAvonmore	Avonmore	Tu. on or b.f.m	D.A.McNaughton	S. Shaver ...
453	Royal	Fort William.	1st Wednesday..	J. E. Swinburne	F. C. Perry ...
454	aCorona	Burk's Falls.	1st Monday.....	Rev.A.H.Allman	J. W. Harris .
455	Doric	Little Current	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Jas. A. Little..	J. B. Wallace .

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No. of Lodge	Initia'd	Passed.	Raised	Joined.	With-drawn.	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Ex-pelled.	Rest'd.	Total M'mb's	Last Ret'rns	Paid Grand Lodge.	Ledger. Dr.Bal.	Ledger. Cr.Bal.
393	2	2	1	....	4	....	....	....	....	....	51	"	30 50	.....	....
394	6	4	6	1	....	....	2	....	....	....	78	"	56 75	.....	....
395	4	2	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	61	"	42 50	.....	....
396	3	7	9	....	3	1	2	....	....	....	117	"	77 75	.....	....
397	2	1	1	....	1	1	1	....	....	....	55	Dec. '09	33 50	2 50	....
398	10	5	2	....	....	1	12	....	....	....	24	June, '09	.....	.....	....
399	7	7	8	....	2	....	....	....	....	2	48	"	50 50	.....	....
400	6	6	3	....	2	....	2	....	....	1	136	"	89 75	1 50	....
401	11	11	9	1	3	1	....	....	....	....	86	"	55 75	1 00	....
402	4	4	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	66	"	58 00	.....	....
403	21	25	32	6	2	1	3	....	....	....	279	"	212 60	4 00	....
404	9	10	10	2	6	....	....	....	....	....	72	"	59 00	.....	....
405	6	5	6	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	90	"	65 75	.....	1 75
406	5	6	5	....	2	1	....	....	....	....	86	"	55 50	.....	1 00
408	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	56	"	34 00	.....	....
409	2	3	2	2	1	1	3	....	....	1	82	"	58 75	25	....
410	33	32	31	4	6	1	9	3	....	4	267	"	254 75	4 00	....
411	1	1	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	46	"	15 00	6 00	....
412	9	7	7	3	9	1	....	....	....	....	264	"	175 00	3 00	....
413	30	23	20	3	9	3	14	....	....	1	88	"	.....	.....	....
414	10	12	16	1	1	1	....	....	....	1	171	"	166 50	.....	....
415	13	5	9	6	4	3	....	....	....	1	174	Dec. '09	136 25	18 50	....
416	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	45	June, '10	23 75	.....	....
417	6	5	4	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	72	"	58 75	.....	....
418	3	3	2	....	3	....	....	....	....	....	80	"	58 25	25	....
419	3	5	5	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	75	"	53 75	.....	....
420	21	22	16	6	....	3	....	....	....	2	189	"	138 25	25	....
421	6	4	3	....	5	....	....	....	....	....	87	"	57 75	60	....
422	6	6	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	53	"	66 75	25	....
423	2	2	2	....	2	1	....	....	....	....	69	June, '10	38 00	.....	25
424	3	3	2	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	40	"	26 00	.....	....
425	2	3	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	77	"	43 25	.....	....
426	21	15	18	....	4	1	4	....	....	....	291	"	202 25	.....	5 00
427	6	8	8	4	5	1	2	....	....	....	162	"	108 00	.....	....
428	16	5	3	....	....	1	....	1	....	....	118	"	86 50	.....	....
429	1	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	60	Dec. '09	50 75	.....	....
430	11	6	6	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	144	June, '10	104 80	.....	25
431	3	4	3	....	1	1	....	....	....	....	44	"	34 00	.....	....
432	3	2	1	1	2	....	1	....	....	....	56	"	58 75	.....	....
433	4	7	6	....	2	....	1	....	....	....	62	"	52 00	.....	....
434	15	8	8	4	3	....	....	....	....	1	81	"	74 00	18 50	....
435	4	....	....	....	1	....	1	....	....	....	97	"	83 50	.....	14 00
436	1	1	1	....	4	....	....	....	....	....	29	"	19 25	.....	....
437	19	17	15	2	11	1	5	3	....	....	156	"	116 25	3 00	....
438	26	22	29	3	12	4	9	....	....	....	367	"	285 00	1 00	....
439	18	22	16	1	1	....	....	....	....	1	68	"	102 00	1 00	....
440	3	3	4	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	56	"	41 50	.....	50
441	4	4	3	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	51	"	40 75	.....	....
442	4	2	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	90	Dec. '09	69 00	.....	5 00
443	8	6	5	1	3	....	1	....	....	1	69	June, '10	61 25	1 25	....
444	6	5	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	63	Dec. '09	59 00	.....	....
445	3	....	2	....	3	1	....	....	....	....	48	June, '10	33 25	.....	....
446	10	10	8	5	3	....	1	....	....	....	80	"	56 25	3 00	....
447	6	5	5	1	3	....	1	....	....	....	65	"	77 75	75	....
448	4	5	4	2	3	....	....	....	....	....	41	Dec. '09	55 25	15 50	....
449	2	2	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	41	June, '10	35 75	.....	3 00
450	1	1	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	1	57	Dec. '09	85 50	.....	....
451	5	4	2	....	4	....	....	....	....	....	60	"	48 00	.....	1 00
452	2	2	1	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	49	June, '10	33 00	.....	....
453	11	9	7	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	118	"	83 00	3 50	....
454	11	9	7	....	4	3	3	....	....	....	52	"	44 00	50	....
455	8	5	6	1	5	1	2	....	....	....	80	"	73 75	.....	....

Returns of Lodges as at June 24, 1

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
456	Elma	Monkton	Th. on or b.f.m.	Jno. C. Flood	A. Chalmers
457	Century	Merlin	1st Monday	R. G. Hutchison.	E. W. Neal
458	aWales	Wales	M. on or b.f.m.	Wm. E. Murray	F. Warren
459	aCobden	Cobden	2nd Tuesday	A. S. McLaren.	J. C. Burgess.
460	Rideau	Seeley's Bay	Th. or or b.f.m.	Geo. Gardiner	C. C. Gilbert
461	aIonic	Rainy River	1st Thursday	H. G. Gorham	D. K. McGreg
462	Temiscaming	New Liskeard	3rd Thursday	A. A. McKelvie.	T. Armstrong
463	aNorth Entrance	Haliburton	4th Friday	John A. Lucas	H. H. Clark
464	King Edward	Sunderland	F on or b.f.m.	R. J. Shier	Marsh Hall
465	Carleton	Carp	F on or b.f.m.	Geo. H. Groves.	T. E. Argue
466	aCoronation	Elmvale	1st Friday	J. L. Thompson	J. F. Foster
467	Tottenham	Tottenham	F on or b.f m.	A. P. Potter	J. H. Lowery
468	Peel	Caledon East	F on or b.f m.	J. G. Fleetham.	J. W. Phillips
469	aAlgoma	S. St. Marie	2nd Monday	T. J. Kennedy	R. G. Campbe
470	Victoria	Vic. Harbor	W. on or b.f.m.	Frank Porter	Osborne Smith
471	a King Edward VII	Chippawa	1st Wednesday	C. E. Pierce	F. W. Breckon
472	aGore Bay	Gore Bay	1st Wednesday	J. H. Craig	C. C. Platt
473	aThe Beaches	Toronto	2nd Friday	W. J. Farmery	E. F. Walker
474	Victoria	Toronto	3rd Tuesday	W. E. Birrell	A. Chisholm
475	Dundurn	Hamilton	3rd Saturday	Dr.J.F.McDonald	Geo. H. Lanigar
476	aCorinthian	North Gower	F on or b.f.m.	Thos. J. Hicks.	H. G. F. Blair
477	aHarding	Woodville	F. on or a.f.m.	N. L. Patterson	A. E. Staback
478	aMilverton	Milverton	M. on or b.f.m.	Thos. Hutchison	W. J. Zoeger
479	aRussell	Russell	M. on or a.f.m.	Chas. Boyde	W. H. Lowrie
480	aWilliamsburg	N. W'msburg.	Th. on or b.f.m.	Wm. C. Strader	J. A. Barkley
481	aCorinthian	Toronto	2nd Thursday	F. B. Moore	C. H. Corton
482	aBancroft	Bancroft	F on or b.f.m.	John Ballard	J. A. Eby
483	a Granton	Granton	M. on or b.f.m.	A.J.Chatworthy	C. A. Lang
484	aGolden Star	Dryden	2nd Tuesday	W. A. Quibell	Wm. Reid
485	a Haileybury	Haileybury	1st Thursday	Frank H. Ebbitt	D. Johns
486	aSilver	Cobalt	F. on or b.f.m.	T. C. McLaren.	H. J. Deyell
487	Penewobikong	Blind River	2nd Monday	W. G. White	A. J. McFadye
488	aKing Edward	Harrow	Th. on or b.f.m.	F.E.Richardson.	G. E. Johnston
489	aOsiris	Smith's Falls	Friday a.f.m.	J. R. Nichol	H. A. Ross
490	Hiram	Markdale	Tu. on or b.f.m.	W.A.Armstrong.	J. W. Tucker
491	Cardinal	Cardinal	2nd Friday	J. F. Graham	Wm. Clark
492	Karnak	Coldwater	Th. on or b.f.m.	Chas. Simons	J. C. Prior
493	St. Mary's	St. Mary's	4th Monday	John Pool	A. B. Carman
494	Riverdale	Toronto	4th Friday	Rev.E.R.J.Biggs.	E. B. Mackenzi
496	University	Toronto	3rd Wednesday.	Fred. J. Miller.	W. F. Montagu
UD	St. Andrew's	Arden	3rd Wednesday	J. M. Gibson	A. D. LePan
UD	King George V	Coboconk	Tu. on or b.f.m.	John W. Brown	Thos. Andrew
			M. on or b.f.m.	Rev. A. B. Chafee	T. C. Birchard

and Last Returns Received—Continued.

No. of Lodge	Initia'd	Passed.	Raised	Joined.	With-drawn.	Deaths	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Ex-pelled.	Rest'd.	Total M'mb's	Last Returns	Paid Grand Lodge.	Ledger. Dr.Bal.	Ledger. Cr.Bal.
456	3	1	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	46		29 25	.....	25
457	3	3	3	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	32	Dec. '09	52 25	.....	.. ....
458	4	4	3	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	67	June, '10	51 75	.....	1 00
459	12	9	7	....	1	1	3	....	....	....	62	Dec. '09	92 00	.....	.. ....
460	1	3	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	58	"	33 00	1 50	.. ....
461	15	10	5	1	2	1	5	....	....	....	87	June, '10	122 10	.....	17 60
462	21	11	12	1	3	2	....	....	....	....	140	"	130 75	.....	.. ....
463	1	1	2	....	6	2	....	....	....	....	39	"	29 75	3 00	. ....
464	6	7	6	....	3	....	....	....	....	....	55	"	63 75	.....	6 50
465	....	2	3	....	4	....	....	....	....	....	52	"	38 25	.....	.. ....
466	6	3	6	....	4	1	....	....	....	....	67	"	53 50	1 00	.. ....
467	8	8	9	1	1	1	....	....	....	....	53	"	.....	3 30	.. ..
468	4	4	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	54	"	44 25	.....	.. ....
469	9	9	9	1	2	1	....	....	....	....	104	"	90 75	.....	.. ....
470	8	7	7	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	86	"	54 00	.....	.. ....
471	4	2	1	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	49	"	30 00	.....	.. ....
472	9	8	8	2	2	1	....	....	....	....	64	"	57 25	7 00	.. ...
473	13	13	12	9	5	1	1	....	....	....	159	"	118 50	2 00	.. ....
474	15	21	24	3	1	1	3	....	....	....	143	"	149 25	.....	3 25
475	15	14	14	3	4	....	1	....	....	....	116	"	121 50	.....	.. ..
476	1	1	1	....	2	....	3	....	....	....	53	"	34 25	.....	.. ....
477	2	2	2	....	3	1	....	....	....	....	47	"	36 50	.....	75
478	5	4	2	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	43	"	34 50	.....	.. ....
479	13	12	8	1	2	....	....	....	....	....	58	"	38 25	.....	50
480	4	2	2	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	33	"	20 75	.....	.. ....
481	7	8	7	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	79	"	67 75	.....	.. ....
482	10	8	8	2	3	....	....	....	....	....	63	"	66 00	4 00	.. ....
483	7	8	10	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	28	"	55 25	.....	.. ....
484	5	7	13	....	....	1	3	....	....	....	79	"	84 25	6 50	.. ....
485	16	19	18	9	4	1	....	....	....	....	116	"	123 75	12 50	.. ....
486	29	24	19	6	2	....	....	....	....	....	109	"	110 75	1 00	.. ....
487	4	4	4	1	1	....	1	1	....	....	45	"	44 50	6 00	.. ....
488	7	4	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	46	"	72 55	.....	.. ....
489	6	8	5	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	51	"	65 75	.....	.. ....
490	4	3	1	....	3	....	....	....	....	....	22	"	43 80	.....	.. ....
491	9	5	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	38	June, '10	49 25	1 50	.. ....
492	9	9	9	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	36	"	64 25	1 00	.. ....
493	32	32	29	9	....	....	....	....	....	....	51	"	.....	29 00	.. ....
494	44	8	....	6	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	"	214 75	1 50	.. ....
495	24	13	7	7	1	....	....	....	....	....	67	"	70 50	.....	50
496	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....		.....	.....	.. ....
UD	2	2	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	22	"	29 75	.....	.. ....
UD	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....		.....	.....	.. ....
	3335	2974	2780	597	810	457	600	12	179		46140				

Total receipts from Lodges	$35,732 65
Sundries	618 80
Interest	4,855 94
Debentures redeemed	25,924 61
	$67,132 00

LIST OF LODGES—BY DISTRICTS.

Erie District, No. 1. (25.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. F. D. Laurie, Chatham.

No. 34, Thistle .... ..Amherstburg
" 41, St. George .. .. Kingsville
" 46, Wellington ....Chatham
" 47, Great Western ... Windsor
" 245, Tecumseh ... ..Thamesville
" 255, Sydenham ... ... Dresden
" 267, Parthenon ....Chatham
" 274, Kent ... ... Blenheim
" 282, Lorne ... . Glencoe
" 290, Leamington .. Leamington
" 312, Pynx ... .Wallaceburg
" 327, The Hammond ..Wardsville
" 336, Highgate ... .Highgate
No. 386, McColl ... ... .West Lorne
" 390, Florence ... ...Florence
" 391, Howard ... .Ridgetown
" 395, Parvaim ... .Comber
" 402, Central ... . Essex
" 403, Windsor ... ...Windsor
" 411, Rodney ... ... Rodney
" 413, Naphtali ... Tilbury Centre
" 422, Star of the East ..Bothwell
" 448, Xenophon ... ... Wheatley
" 457, Century ... ... Merlin
" 488, King Edward ... ..Harrow

St. Clair District, No. 2, (20.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Thos. Montgomery, Sarnia.

No. 56, Victoria ... . Sarnia
" 81, St. John's .. ..Mt. Brydges
" 83, Beaver ... ...Strathroy
" 116, Cassia ... ... Thedford
" 153, Burns... ... .Wyoming
" 158, Alexandra ... ..Oil Springs
" 194, Petrolia ... .Petrolia
" 238, Havelock ... .Watford
" 260, Washington ....Petrolia
" 263, Forest ... ...Forest
No. 294, Moore .. .. .. Courtright
" 307, Arkona ... ...Arkona
" 323, Alvinston ... ... Alvinston
" 328, Ionic ....Napier
" 364, Dufferin ... .Melbourne
" 392, Huron ... .Camlachie
" 397, Leopold ....Brigden
" 419, Bismarck ... Point Edward
" 425, St. Clair ... ... Sombra
" 437, Tuscan ... ... Sarnia

London District, No. 3. (26.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. J. C. Spencer, St. Thomas.

No. 20, St. John's ... .London
" 42, St. George's ... ... London
" 44, St. Thomas ... ..St. Thomas
" 64, Kilwinning ... . London
" 94, St. Mark's ... Port Stanley
" 107, St.Paul's ... .Lambeth
" 120, Warren ... ...Fingal
" 140, Malahide ... .Aylmer
" 171, Prince of Wales ..Lawrence
" 190, Belmont . ...Belmont
" 195, Tuscan ... ...London
" 209a, St. John's ... . London
" 232, Cameron ... ... Dutton
No. 289, Doric ... ... Lobo
" 300, Mount Olivet, .. Thorndale
" 302, St. David's . ..St. Thomas
" 330, Corinthian .. London East
" 344, Merrill Dorchester Station
" 345, Nilestown ... ... Nilestown
" 358, Delaware Valley Delaware
" 378, King Solomon's London W.
" 379, Middlesex ... ...Bryanston
" 380, Union ... .London
" 388, Henderson .... Ilderton
" 394, King Solomon Thamesford
" 399, Moffat .... .. Harrietsville

South Huron District, No. 4. (19.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Fred. Holwell, Baden.

No. 33, Maitland ... .Goderich
" 73, St. James' ... ...St. Mary's
" 84, Clinton ... ... Clinton
" 133, Lebanon Forest .... Exeter
" 141, Tudor ... . Mitchell
" 144, Tecumseh ... ... Stratford
" 154, Irving ... .Lucan
" 170, Britannia ... ... Seaforth
" 205, New Domini'n N. Hamburg
No. 224, Zurich ... ... Hensall
" 233, Doric ... . Parkhill
" 303, Blyth ... . Blyth
" 309, Morning Star ... ..Carlow
" 318, Wilmot ... . Baden
" 332, Stratford ... ..Stratford
" 456, Elma ... . Monkton
" 478, Milverton ... ... Milverton
" 483, Granton .... Granton
" 493, St. Mary's.....St. Mary's

North Huron District, No. 5. (19.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. James Burns, Southampton.

No.	93, North'n Light, Kincardine	No.	331, Fordwich .. .. ..Fordwich
"	131, St. Lawrence Southampton	"	341, Bruce ... ...Tiverton
"	162, Forest ... ...Wroxeter	"	362, Maple Leaf ... .Tara
"	184, Old Light ... ...Lucknow	"	393, Forest ... . Chesley
"	197, Saugeen ... .Walkerton	"	396, Cedar ... . Wiarton
"	225, Bernard ... .Listowel	"	429, Port Elgin ... ..Port Elgin
"	235, Aldworth .... Paisley	"	431, Moravian ... ... Eden Grove
"	276, Teeswater ... ...Teeswater	"	432, Hanover ... ...Hanover
"	284, St. John's ... ... Brussels	"	436, Burns ... .Hepworth
"	286, Wingham ... ... Wingham		

Wilson District, No. 6. (22).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Geo. Naylor, Ingersoll.

No.	10, Norfolk ... .Simcoe	No.	149, Erie... ... .Port Dover
"	37, King Hiram ... ..Ingersoll	"	174, Walsingham ..Port Rowan
"	43, King Solomon .. Woodstock	"	178, Plattsville ... ...Plattsville
"	68, St. John's ... ... Ingersoll	"	181, Oriental ... ..Port Burwell
"	76, Oxford ... .Woodstock	"	193, Scotland.. ....Scotland
"	78, King Hiram .. Tillsonburg	"	217, Frederick ... ... Delhi
"	82, St. John's ....Paris	"	237, Vienna ... ... Vienna
"	104, St. John's .... Norwich	"	250, Thistle .... Embro
"	106, Burford ... ... Burford	"	259, Springfield .... Springfield
"	108, Blenheim ... ... Princeton	"	261, Oak Branch ... ..Innerkip
"	113, Wilson ... .Waterford	"	359, Vittoria ... ...Vittoria

Wellington District, No. 7, (21)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. James Ireland, Durham.

No.	72, Alma ... ... Galt	No.	279, New Hope ....Hespeler
"	151, The Grand River ...Berlin	"	295, Conestogo ... ... Drayton
"	172, Ayr ... ... Ayr	"	297, Preston ... ...Preston
"	180, Speed .. .. Guelph	"	306, Durham ... .Durham
"	200, St. Alban's .. .. Mt. Forest	"	314, Blair ... .Palmerston
"	203, Irvine ... ...Elora	"	315, Clifford ... .Clifford
"	216, Harris .... Orangeville	"	334, Prince Arthur ... ..Arthur
"	257, Galt... ... .Galt	"	347, Mercer ... ... Fergus
"	258, Guelph ... ...Guelph	"	361, Waverly ... .Guelph
"	262, Harriston ... ... Harriston	"	421, Scott ... ... Grand Valley
"	271, Wellington ... . Erin		

Hamilton Dstrict, No. 8. (23).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. G. R. Lloyd, Hamilton.

No.	6, The Barton .... Hamilton	No.	166, Wentworth . Stoney Creek
"	27, Strict Observ'nce Hamilton	"	219, Credit ... . Georgetown
"	40, St. John's ... ... Hamilton	"	243, St. George ... ..St. George
"	45, Brant.. .. .. .. Brantford	"	272, Seymour .... Ancaster
"	57, Harmony ... ... Binbrook	"	291, Dufferin .. West Flamboro
"	61, Acacia ... ... Hamilton	"	321, Walker ... . ..ActonWest
"	62, St. Andrew's ... Caledonia	"	324, Temple .... Hamilton
"	100, Valley ... ...Dundas	"	357, Waterdown .... Millgrove
"	121, Doric ... . Brantford	"	382, Doric ... ... Hamilton
"	135, St. Clair ... ... Milton	"	400, Oakville .. ..Oakville
"	165, Burlington ... Burlington	"	475, Dundurn ... . Hamilton
		"	495, Electric ... .Hamilton

Georgian District, No 9. (25).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Geo. E. J. Brown, Creemore.

No.	79, Simcoe ... .Bradford	No.	304, Minnerva ....Stroud
"	88, St. George's ..Owen Sound	"	322, North Star ... Owen Sound
"	90, Manito ... .Collingwood	"	333, Prince Arthur ..Flesherton
"	96, Corinthian .... Barrie	"	348, Georgian Penetanguishene
"	137, Pythagoras ... .Meaford	"	377, Lorne ... ... Shelburne
"	192, Orillia ... ...Orillia	"	385, Spry ... ... Beeton
"	230, Kerr ... ...Barrie	"	444, Nitetis.. .. .. .. Creemore
"	234, Beaver ... ... Clarkesburg	"	449, Dundalk ... ...Dundalk
"	236, Manitoba ... ...Cookstown	"	466, Coronation .....Elmvale
"	249, Caledonian .. .. Midland	"	467, Tottenham .... Tottenham
"	266, Northern Light ...Stayner	"	470, Victoria .. Victoria Harbor
"	285, Seven Star ... .Alliston	"	490, Hiram ... . Markdale
		"	492, Karnak ....Coldwater

Niagara District, No. 10. (22).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. R. G. Hoover, Thorold.

No.	2, Niagara	No.	221, Mountain ...Thorold
"	7, Union ...Grimsby	"	254, Clifton ...Niagara Falls
"	15, St. George's St. Catharines	"	277, Seymour ..Port Dalhousie
"	32, Amity ..Dunnville	"	296, Temple ..St. Catharines
"	35, St. John's ..Cayuga	"	319, Hiram ... Hagersville
"	103, Maple Leaf. St. Catharines	"	329, King Solomon ..Jarvis
"	105, St. Mark's Niagara Falls S.	"	337, Myrtle ..... Port Robinson
"	115, Ivy ...Beamsville	"	338, Dufferin ...Wellandport
"	168, Merritt ... Welland	"	372, Palmer ... Bridgeburg
"	169, Macnab ...Port Colborne	"	373, Copestone ... Welland
"	185, Enniskillen ... York	"	471, K. Edward VII.. Chippawa

Toronto West District No. 11. (24.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. A. J. Brown, Eglinton.

No.	22, King Solomon's ...Toronto	No.	311, Blackwood ... Woodbridge
"	54, Vaughan ...Maple	"	326, Zetland ... Toronto
"	65, Rehoboam ...Toronto	"	346, Occident ... Toronto
"	86, Wilson ... Toronto	"	356, River Park ...Streetsville
"	98, True Blue ... ..Bolton	"	369, Mimico ... ..Lambton Mills
"	118, Union ...Schomberg	"	384, Alpha ... ...Toronto
"	156, York ...North Toronto	"	426, Stanley ... ...Toronto
"	229, Ionic ... .Brampton	"	438, Harmony ... ..Toronto
"	247, Ashlar ... Toronto	"	468, Peel ... ..Caledon East
"	265, Patterson ....Thornhill	"	474, Victoria ... ...Toronto
"	292, Robertson ... King	"	481, Corinthian ... ..Toronto
"	305, Humber ... ... Weston	"	496, University ....Toronto

Toronto East District, No. 11a. (22.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. R. W. Brennan, Toronto.

No.	16, St. Andrew's ...Toronto	No.	269, Brougham Un'n, Claremont
"	23, Richmond ...Richmond Hill	"	316, Doric ... ..Toronto
"	25, Ionic ... ..Toronto	"	339, Orient ... ... Toronto
"	75, St. John's ... ..Toronto	"	343, Georgina ... Toronto
"	87, Markham Union Markham	"	354, Brock ... ... Cannington
"	97, Sharon ... Queensville	"	367, St. George ... ..Toronto
"	99, Tuscan ....Newmarket	"	410, Zeta ... .Toronto
"	129, The Rising Sun ...Aurora	"	424, Doric ... ..Pickering
"	136, Richardson ...Stouffville	"	430, Acacia ... Toronto
"	218, Stevenson ... ..Toronto	"	473, The Beaches ....Toronto
"	220, Zeredatha ..Uxbridge	"	494, Riverdale ....Toronto

Ontario District, No. 12. (16.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. J. B. Begg, Lindsay.

No.	30, Composite ... Whitby	No.	408, Murray ... Beaverton
"	39, Mount Zion ...Brooklin	"	428, Fidelity ... ..Port Perry
"	77, Faithful Brethren Lindsay	"	440, Arcadia ... ...Minden
"	139, Lebanon ... Oshawa	"	451, Somerville ....Kinmount
"	268, Verulam ... Bobcaygeon	"	463, N. Entrance ....Haliburton
"	270, Cedar.. .. Oshawa	"	464, King Edward ..Sunderland
"	398, Victoria ...Kirkfield	"	477, Harding ... ..Woodville
"	406, The Spry ...Fenelon Falls	"	UD, King George V., Coboconk

Prince Edward District, No. 13. (20.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. H. H. Post, Wellington.

No.	11, Moira ... Belleville	No.	126, Golden Rule .. Campbellford
"	17, St. John's ... Cobourg	"	127, Franck ... Frankford
"	18, Prince Edward ... Picton	"	161, Percy ... Warkworth
"	29, United ... Brighton	"	164, Star in the East, Wellington
"	39, Trent ... Trenton	"	215, Lake ... Ameliasburg
"	48, Madoc ... Madoc	"	222, Marmora ... Marmora
"	50, Consecon ... Consecon	"	239, Tweed ... Tweed
"	69, Stirling ... Stirling	"	283, Eureka ... Belleville
"	91, Colborne ... Colborne	"	401, Craig ... Deseronto
"	123, The Belleville .. Belleville	"	482, Bancroft ... Bancroft

Frontenac District, No. 14. (16.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. R. G. Graham, Gananoque.

No. 3, The Anc't St. John's, Kingston
" 9, Union ..... Napanee
" 92, Cataraqui ..... Kingston
" 109, Albion ..... Harrowsmith
" 119, Maple Leaf ..... Bath
" 146, Prince of Wales, Newburgh
" 157, Simpson ..... Newboro'
" 201, Leeds ..... Gananoque
" 212, Elysian .... Garden Island
" 228, Prince Arthur ..... Odessa
" 253, Minden ..... Kingston
" 299, Victoria ..... Centreville
" 404, Lorne ..... Tamworth
" 441, Westport ..... Westport
" 460, Rideau ..... Seeley's Bay
" U. D. St. Andrew's ..... Arden

St. Lawrence District, No. 15. (15.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Thos. Dowell, Brockville.

No. 5, Sussex ..... Brockville
" 14, True Britons ..... Perth
" 24, St. Francis .. Smith's Falls
" 28, Mount Zion .... Kemptville
" 55, Merrickville .. Merrickville
" 74, St. James ..... S. Augusta
" 85, Rising Sun ..... Athens
" 110, Central ..... Prescott
No. 242, Macoy ..... Mallorytown
" 368, Salem ..... Brockville
" 370, Harmony ..... Delta
" 387, Lansdowne .... Lansdowne
" 389, Crystal Fount'n, N. Augusta
" 416, Lyn ..... Lyn
" 489, Osiris ..... Smith's Falls

Ottawa District, No. 16. (19.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Walter M. Ross, Ottawa.

No. 52, Dalhousie ..... Ottawa
" 58, Doric ..... Ottawa
" 63, St. John's.. Carleton Place
" 122, Renfrew ..... Renfrew
" 128, Pembroke ..... Pembroke
" 147, Mississippi ..... Almonte
" 148, Civil Service ..... Ottawa
" 159, Goodwood ..... Richmond
" 177, The Builders' ..... Ottawa
" 196, Madawaska ..... Arnprior
No. 209, Evergreen ..... Lanark
" 231, Lodge of Fidelity .. Ottawa
" 264, Chaudiere ..... Ottawa
" 371, Prince of Wales .. Ottawa
" 433, Bonnechere .... Eganville
" 459, Cobden ..... Cobden
" 465, Carleton ..... Carp
" 476, Corinthian .. North Gower
" 479, Russell ..... Russell

Algoma District, No. 17. (9.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. D. H. Currie, Kenora.

No. 287, Shuniah ..... Port Arthur
" 414, Pequonga ..... Kenora
" 415, Fort William, Fort William
" 417, Keewatin ..... Keewatin
" 445, Lake of the Woods, Kenora
No. 446, Granite .... Fort Frances
" 453, Royal ..... Fort William
" 461, Ionic ..... Rainy River
" 484, Golden Star ..... Dryden

Nipissing District, No. 18. (13)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Frank W. Haynes, New Liskeard.

No. 405, Mattawa ..... Mattawa
" 412, Keystone. Sault Ste Marie
" 420, Nipissing ..... North Bay
" 427, Nickel ..... Sudbury
" 442, Dyment ..... Thessalon
" 447, Sturgeon F'ls, Sturgeon F ls
No. 455, Doric ..... Little. Current
" 462, Temiscaming, New Liskeard
" 469, Algoma .. Sault Ste Marie
" 472, Gore Bay ..... Gore Bay
" 485, Haileybury .... Haileybury
" 486, Silver ..... Cobalt
" 487, Penewobikong..Blind River

Muskoka District, No. 19. (8.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. J. W. Harris, Burk's Falls.

No. 352, Granite .... Parry Sound
" 360, Muskoka ..... Bracebridge
" 376, Unity ..... Huntsville
" 409, Golden Rule.. Gravenhurst
No. 423, Strong ..... Sundridge
" 434, Algonquin ..... Emsdale
" 443, Powassan ..... Powassan
" 454, Corona .....Burk's Falls

Otonabee District, No. 20. (13.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. A. W. McLeod, Newcastle.

No. 26, Ontario, ...Port Hope
" 31, Jerusalem ... Bowmanville
" 66, Durham ..... Newcastle
" 101, Corinthian .. Peterborough
" 114, Hope ..... Port Hope
" 145, J. B. Hall ..... Millbrook
" 155, Peterborough Peterborough
No. 223, Norwood ..... Norwood
" 313, Clementi ..... Lakefield
" 325, Orono ..... Orono
" 374, Keene ..... Keene
" 375, Lorne ..... Omemee
" 435, Havelock ..... Havelock

Eastern District, No. 21. (16).

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. H. C. Jones, Vankleek Hill.

No. 21a, St. John's.... Vankleek Hill
" 125, Cornwall ..... Cornwall
" 142, Excelsior ..... Morrisburg
" 143, Friendly Brothers, Iroquois
" 186, Plantagenet .. Plantagenet
" 207, Lancaster ..... Lancaster
" 256, Farran's Point ..Aultsville
" 320, Chesterville ... Chesterville
No. 383, Henderson,.. W. Winchester
" 418, Maxville ..... Maxville
" 439, Alexandria ..... Alexandria
" 450, Hawkesbury .. Hawkesbury
" 452, Avonmore ..... Avonmore
" 458, Wales ..... Wales
" 480, Williamsburg, N. W'msburg
" 491, Cardinal ..... Cardinal

RECAPITULATION

Erie	District No.	1	25	Lodges
St. Clair	" "	2	20	"
London	" "	3	26	"
South Huron	" "	4	19	"
North Huron	" "	5	19	"
Wilson	" "	6	22	"
Wellington	" "	7	21	"
Hamilton	" "	8	23	"
Georgian	" "	9	25	"
Niagara	" "	10	22	"
Toronto West	" "	11	24	"
Toronto East	" "	11a	22	"
Ontario	" "	12	16	"
Prince Edward	" "	13	20	"
Frontenac	" "	14	16	"
St. Lawrence	" "	15	15	"
Ottawa	" "	16	19	"
Algoma	" "	17	9	"
Nipissing	" "	18	13	"
Muskoka	" "	19	8	"
Otonabee	" "	20	13	"
Eastern	" "	21	16	"
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SUSPENSIONS, N. P. D., 1909-1910.

No.3—Lewis J. Day, Hugh Lawson, Jas. D. Thompson. 5—Hiram C. Davison. 7—G. H. Richter, G. H. Hewson ,A. B. Wilson, S. W. Hewetson. 10—Bert. L. Chadwick, E. T. Austin, H. R. Beattie, W. J. McManus, A. McEwen, R. A. Wilson. 18—John W. Couser, W. M. Owens, P. W. Harrison, C. S. McGillivray, E. E. Coolidge. 20—James Barr, M. Nugent, E. J. Roberts, Jos. Lewis. 21a—Archie McNish, Morgan McLeod. 22—James Fletcher, F. Muir, W. Wonty, W. J. Kissell, W. R. Jackson. 24—John R. Lavell, James Miller, James W. O'Brien, Wm. M. Surdam, Chas Breckenridge. 26—Carl S. Christenson, 27 December, '09; George A. Brown, 27 December, '09. 27—Fredehick Anderson, W. R. Pringle. 28—James A. Wright, E. Edwards. 34—Charles M. Ferris, John S. McQuern, Millon D. Fox. 40—M. Skedden, E. B. Shannon, C. Knipe, John Stoneman. 41—Angus McDonald. 42—Jesse Welford. 45—W. H. Truver, Jas. Heath, L. H. Shepley, H. K. Anthony, A. T. Kerr, George Gardener, W. E. Ratz, Jos. E. Baker, E. D. Henwood, G. A. Riggs, T. H. Brown, J. H. Moore, A. F. Crockford, J. E. Griffiths. 46—John Wood, Geo. Smithson. 47—N. Cadger, Wm. Millard, Dennis Austin, James McQueen, Charles McArthur, George Charles. 52—Joseph Manners, W. J. Usher. 61—George P. Johnston, S. Minnis, T. Russell, D. Reed, T. J. Millward, John Martin. 64—J. A. Padfield, W. J. Nichol, E. G. Hunt, E. M. Harris, E. Marshall, G. McKay Nichols, W. O. Petter, J. T. Westland. 66—Sidney B. Scobell. 68 -Wm. McMurray, Osborne Cuckow. 73—Frederick S. Sharp, Wm. Webster. 75—John W. Budd, Charles A. Andrews, Wilbur C. Goodrich, F. E. Morin. 76—Foster Chalmers, Fred G. Depew, Jas. Hamilton, Charles Matthews. 85—A. E. Follick. 87—C. W. Lott, D. R. Pennock. 88—F. M. Hope, R. Elliott, John H. McLauchlan, Samuel A. Lloyd, Wm. J. Johnson, James B. Struthers. Dis. Burt, James Hall. 92—Geo. A. Grant, James A. Kenedy, Charles B. Mond. 94—J. McK. Key, E. Chapman, H. A. Jones. 97—Oliver Cuthbertson, W. S. Ramsey, George C. Dix, C. S. Heise, C. B. Sheppard, D. S. Sprague, J. G. Bond. 99—B. O. Coates, C. F. Dawson, George L. Kitchen, Wm. D. Lowrie, John H. Millard, D. McMillan, R. B. Smith. 100—Wm. F. Taylor. 104—George S. Cavin, Albert Freeman, Samuel G. Dunham, Charles Sackrider. 105—George G. Durham, Godfrey L. Foulks. 106—J. Ausleybrook, J. G. Hanmer, John R. Howie, Henry Ledger, George Muter, F. Terryberry, Robert Wallace. 110—D. A. Dunham, A. J. Tripp, F. C. Stone, L. H. Warner. 121—Wm. F. Scott, A. W. Robertson, R. W. Croooks, H. W. Powell, W. E. Pearson. 122—A. C. Mackay, J. E. Erwin, Wm. Park, A. C. Robertson, D. A. Ward. 123—O. C. Greenleaf. 126—J. D. Resor. 127—P. J. Anderson, 128—James McLean. 129—Wm. T. Russell, Henry Cliff, E. Frisby, Alex. Graham, George Johnson. 131—George S. McAuley, D. McFarlane, John M. McPhail, Solomon Knechtel, John A. McAuley, Thomas McAulay, Walter V. Dixon. 136—J. E. Jamieson, L. G. Bebe, James D. Resor. 137—Philip W. Arnold, A. McK. Cameron. 139—Thos. J. Sherridan. 143—Herbert Moore, Narciss Brault, Wm. D. Rutherford. 144—Andrew McBeth, H. F. Schmidt, James H. Anderson, Alfred B. Boult, Wm. J. Cleland, W. D. Cousley, Wm. Henry Davies, John Sheldon. 148—J. D. Chisholm, M. B. Clemmens, J. W. Miller. 149—Charles D. Wooley, Henry McQueen. 153—Alfred Morgan, Richard S. Grant. Thomas Donald, 27 December, '07. 155—Bruce A. Ludgate, James Frowde, Robert Kerr. 156—E. W. D. Butler. 159—Francis Mills, Francis C. Powell. 161—Wm. Love, James L. Frost, Wm. T. Patterson, Oliver S. Newton, Alonzo M. Sanborne, Jerome F. Cryderman, George A. Macoun, Eathel Stone. 164—Wm. Savage. 180—John T. Wakefield. 184—R. W. Mathison, R. H. Sands, A. M. Graham, George E. Johnson, David Bell. 186—C. E. Wight, Wm. J. Nicholson, Wm. T. Franklin, A. McKercher, Robert M. Franklin, I. W. T. McEachern. 190—Andrew Munro, Wm. L. Patterson. 193—Nelson Pursell, W. W. Smith, C. B. Rowlston, O. McCullugh, James Malcolm, W. McConnell. 197—T. W. Barnett, A. McLean, H. H. Sinclair. 200—A. L. McKechnie. 201—James Seal, W. E. Wright, J. C. Ross, R. C. Por-

ter, Charles Cotton. 209a—Thomas Houghton, A. B. Niall, W. A. Wilson. 209—Wm. Hills, G. While, J. D. McInnes, Andrew Playfair, Robert Bullock. 212—James Dix, James Horne, Isaac Boyd, Alex. Milligan, Henry P. Gordon. 215—Albert E. Thrasher, Smith B. Russell, George A. Johnson, James A. Vancott, John Cassidy. 216—Thomas Curroll, Robert Erskine, Chas. E. Burrell, Hugh Ferguson, John G. Harris. 218—James Pettigrew, T. I. Clerverdon, A. L. Forde, Alf. Robinson, Gustave Grau, Harry Clifford. 222—John B. Archer, Jacob Kennedy, Alex. Louttet, James C. Bailey, Judson Rubbree. 223—Samuel Claiter. 225—Robert J. Currie, J. W. Gray. 228—Guy M. Smith. 229—W. H. Wilkinson. 231—W. J. Mellon, H J. Reid. 238—James Cooper. 239—W. T. John, W. E. Way, George Way, A. E. Stein. 243—Alex. Ironsides, Wm. Miller, Charles B. Bell. 245—Wm. Syers, Alfred A. Appleford. 247—John A. Irwin. 249—Neill McMullan, Richard Smith, T. R. Wheatley, Robert O. Alexander, Henry C. Mimms, R. A. Scott. 253—Robert G. Andrews, Alf. R. Laidly, 7 June, '10. 256—N. A. McLeod, R. E. Rombough, W. J. Duvall, W. B. Cross, H. T. Bowman, C. Bouck, D. Perner, 257—J. McTavish. 258—Samuel M. Neill, Walter Grindley, Robert N. Grundy. 260—J. E. Wilkenson, Henry Burrington, W. C. Braike, Wm. A. Robb, John Read, Edwin Julian, Robert C. Manveck. 265—Edward J. Stubbs, Chas W. Leadley. 269—D. H. Alger. 271—Robt. W. Brock, Thomas Berkhead, James Jaggs. 274—O. E. Hardy, J. L. Best, John Bagley, John Harrison. 286—Peter Nelson Tansley. 289—George Henry Monger, Thomas Oliver. 291—S. Kelly, A. F. Adams, John F. Morden, John Thompson, John A. McLean, Albert E. Simon, George R. Patterson, Joshua Wheeler. 295—Donald McEachren, Norman Roberts. 296—Bert D. Harris, Wm. W. Dell. 302—John Balkewell, Chas. M. Parker, J. S. Aitkenson, John M. Miller. 307—Frederick Jackson. 312—C. S. Woolever. 316—A. E. Collins, Charles E. Eggett, Wm. Seager. 323—James W. Seale, S. G. Williams, Theo. L. Broderick, 324 George T. Simpson, Adam Hunter, Wm. Leadley, T. W. Grant. 326—W. B. Reid, John D. Gray, G. W. Neckers, W. H. Miln, Fred Naismith. 332—A. Smith, P. J. Watson, W. P. Lewis, C. C. King, Jacob Tricker. 334—Gregory Ternan. 336—George Gosnell, Joseph H. Rittinmier. 338—J. Steward, W. M. Cruickshank, H. B. Bush, A. M. Sutherland, E. L. Swazie, Peter McDonald. 339—W. J. Anderson, J. Brown, F. J. Burton, George T. Damell, F. H. Doley, A. D. Fisher, E. Hunter, W. H. Hay, Fred McGraw, P. H. Oake, J. H. Stanford, O. Vickery, S. A. Ward. 341—D. McNaughton, M. Calder, J. Bruce, J. L. McKenzie, A. Mitchell, Henry M. Helker, A. Inskster, C. Cameron, Murdock Kerr. 344—J. K. Torrance, Henry Dean. 346—John Hetherington, Fred W. Schwalm, George L. F. Green. 348—John K. Laird. 352—R. D. Collins, C. Colgan, Jos. Kintrae, F. McGuire, James Kennedy. 357—Morley F. Carey, Marshall Haines, C. E. Galloway, Robert A. Brown. 359—F. A. Watts. 362—John T. Cunningham, Oscar Legge, Hugh Blue. 367—John Barrett, Donald Craig, Fred Healey, John King, Percy Manning, A. B. Stroud. 368—Frederick J. Sharpe. 369—Jass. W. McTaggert, Wm. Henry Quinn, John A. Tyers, Peter B. Shaver. 370—James Roddick. 371—John B. Hegman, John C. Campbell, W. L. Reid. 372—Wm. J. Taylor. 376—Fred Francis, B Gilchrist, H. S. May, J. B. Lewis, E. Burke. 378—John P. Clement, J. H. Dorman, Peter E. McKay, C. J. Nichols. 380—John R. Clarke, Charles W. Baker. 382—Thomas B. Lewis, K. Kauman, George Watson, T. Upton, John W. Beer, J. Dudley, E. C. Lewis, J. M. Zimmerman, D. Galloway 383—Clinton Boyle, A. W. D. Frith, Daniel Eager. 384—George Parker, James D. Parrett, Louis Wm. Nixon, Arthur Carleton, John Allen. 387—A. W. Cliffe, W. J. Plunkett. 388—Thomas H. R. Vallade, C. H. Duplane, John Bowman, John Noble, G. W. Robson, J. H. Patrick. 394—Louis LeFaive, David Henderson. 395—Wm. G. Clipsdale. 396—John A. Campbell, Jas. R. McKenney. 397—Wm. Gray. 398—John Collins, N. Tallman, A. W. Gusty, C. N. Gusty. G. W. Dunsheath, A. Ferguson, F. Culoven, F. N. Rutherford, W. R. W. Haight, H. T. Routley, John McClelland. 400—Talbot, T. Harris, Samuel McGiffin. 403—B. Holmon, Alex. Stuart, E. C. Weldrick. 405—Peter G. Stewart. 406—James Mitchell. 409—Jas. C. Anderson, John C. Rooney, Wm. J. Johnson. 410—James Brice, John Rogers, John E. Stephenson, Fred John Cheeseworth, E. E. Hustwitt, S. F. Henderson, Willis M. Finch, Chas. H. Keller, Frank G. Robson. 412—C. Clerk, W. E. Law, G. H. Dent, G. Chalmers, C.

G. Rippen, C. B. Oliver, G. E. Gurd, Fred Archer, C. F. Smith, Jas. Reynolds. 415—W. H. Smith. 426—Wm. Jackson, H. E. Snell, Fred L. Ackman, S. H. Cutts. 427—John Collins, Thos. G. Robinson. 432—Allan J. Cressman. 433—P. A. Boland. 435—Walter J. Boyd. 437—Russell H. Ragan, Wm. Henry Wilson, Thomas Wheatley, Wm. Quinn, Laughton G. Taylor. 438—E. H. Adams, W. J. Bracken, W. J. Crowe, W. H. Colborne, C. H. DeGruchey, R. Fair, F. S. Jackson, R. C. Teasdall, M. P. Warren. 443—Wm. Beatty. 446—Samuel Dempsey. 447—Hamilton Cockburn. 448—George C. Munroe, Judson A. McCormack, John Campbell. 451—Arch. H. Brandon. 454—Frank J. Linee, Wm. H. Mainprize, Forbes M. Rae. 455—Frank R. Davis, H. G. Williams. 456—Wm. J. Thompson. 461—Hugh M. Bird, John G. Clark. 467—John Stoneman. 470—Neil McMillan, J. E. Smythe, John L. Baker. 473—Arthur Stephens. 474—Alex. Lilly, Jas. K. Keefer, Robt. Wilkenson. 476—J. L. Dickson, S. S. Shannon, N. M. Lindsay. 478—D. E. McDonald, W. M. Rosamond, E. W. Horne, George L. Griffith. 484—Frank Brennan, James Gillespie, E. G. Amy. 487—Henry Peckover.

SUSPENSIONS, U. M. C.—1909-1910

81—George Burch, George Cairns. 287—John Forde. 341—Alex. McKeown. 410—Wm. J. Micks, John T. Thompson, Wm. H. Thompson. 428—Wm. H. Tummond. 437—Wm. Oldham, George P. Wenino, James McIlhagga. 487—A. K. Davis.

DEATHS, 1909-1910

2—Walter Hume, 26th February, '10; Wm. Burrows, 8th February, '10; John M. Lawien, 8th June, '10. 3—Henry Wade, 24th June, '09; John Bushell, 16th July, '09. 5—Samuel Rothwell. 6—Elstner Fisher, 13th October, '09; George A. Bull, 20th July, '09; George E. Mason, 1st September, '09; A. Patterson, 10th October, '09; Thomas Beasley, 20th January, '10. 7—Andrew Randall, 12th October, '09; W. W. Kitchen, 8th December, '09. 9—Jehial Aylesworth, 8th October, '09; Coleman McCoy, 18th November, '09; J. Homer Myles, 25th February, '10. 10—George N. Downs, 8th February, '10. 11—Chas. H. Kyle, 20th August '09; Arch. A. Roberts, 6th September, '09. 15—Wm. R. Cougle 5th January, '10. 16—J. B. Fudge, 24th December, '09; H. J. Lipscombe, 27th December, '09; Henry Hagge, 13th January, '10; Aaron E. Child, 31st July, '09; George Walker, 14th September, '09; William Park, 19th October, '09. 17—George Spence, 4th February, '10; Henry F. Holland, 17th May, '10. 18—Charles M. Cole, 23rd September, '09; John H. Allen, 24th October 1909; Richard Hadden, 17th December, '09. 20—M. D. Dawson, 29th December, '09; A. Radfield, 25th March, '09; R. Kirkpatrick, 30th March '09; E. J. McRoberts, 28th September, '09; John Logan, 12th October '09. 21a—Wm Florent, 1st March, '10. 24—Chas. W. Carey, 21st January, '10. 25—Gerald FitzGibbon, Alfred H. Marsh; W. H. Bleasdell, 23rd April, '10. 26—M. Farquharson, 23rd December, '09. 27—George A. Bull, 21st July '09; Thomas M. Davis, 6th September, '09; George M. Hobbs, 9th November, '09; Fred T. Mealey, 11th November, '09; Fred Schwarz, 25th June, '09; George Dixon, 21st March, '10; W. Kempeter, 3rd January, '10; Eli VanAllen, 14th February, '10; J. C. White, 20th January, '10. 28—B. M. Jones, 5th April, '09; Girven E. Hana, 8th September, '09. 29—Henry A. Hackett, 8th February, '10. 30—Benjamin Barrett, 8th August, '09; John B. Dow, 1st March, '10. 33—George Barry, 5th July, '09; Nixon Sturdy, 13th August, '09; Henry W. Ball, 24th December, '09. 38—Wm. Duff, 18th October, '09; Francis Peck, 14th October, '09; Fred W. Hope, 29th March, '10. 40—Moses Dow, 23rd April, '10; A. M. Cuthbertson, 19th May, '10; R. Lee, 5th March, '09; G. F. Nichol, 8th August, '09; J. B. Bishop, 24th November '09; G. Reid Simpson, 8th April, '10. 41—Edward Allworth, 9th November '09. 42—William Bridgeman, 30th June, '09; B. Krough, 21st May, '09; A. W. C. Ryan, 24th September, '09. 44—Robert L. Johnson, 7th September, '09; John Begg, 11th August, '09; Wm. Meek, 26th May, '10. 46—Milton Bates, 4th October, '09. 47—John Nobles, 10th April, '10; George Chater, 11th April, '10; Donald Grant, 22nd June, '10; M. J. Clancy, 15th April, '10; Harry Brooks, 29th July, '09; Thomas McRoy, 4th September, '09; John Sul-

livan, 16th September, '09; Richard Cook, 13th October, '09. 48—Alpheas F. Wood, 22nd January, '10; 50—Robert R. Robinson, 30th July, '09. 54—John W. McNeil, 5th December, '09. 55—John J. Nevins, 23rd August, '09; Josiah C. Posthlhwaite, 1st June, '10. 56—Samuel F. Pearce, 9th September '09; Wm. J. Gell, 9th September, '09; Wesley D. Newell, 10th February, '10; W. H. Switzer, 10th March, '10. 61—Morris S. M. Long, 13th May, '10; Robert Lucas, 3rd November, '09; Andrew Leitch, 26th April '10; C. E. Newberry, 2nd May '10; A. T. Neill, 11th May, '10. 64—L. L. Walper, 20th July '09; G. W. Francis, 17th September, '09; J. L. Scott, 17th June, '10. 65—Wm. McBean, 2nd July, '09; Thomas Gould, 7th December, '09; James Weller, 28th February, '10; Malcolm Gibbs, 7th March, '10. 66—John Henry Bellwood. 68—Henry Goulding, 27th January, '10; 72—J. E. Suddaby, 29th May, '10. 75—Ed. S. Piper, 15th March, '09; Ira M. Kallmeyer, 31st August, '09; E. Bourne, 7th September, '09. 76—John Holdsworth, 15th October, '09; U. Ogden, 4th January, '10; George Fletcher, 10th January, '10; M. Henderson, 27th January, '10; F. Phillips, 10th April, '10; Carl Strack, 27th February, '10; Chas. Sims, 8th May, '10. 77—Johnston Ellis, 10th January, '10. 78—Leo J. Weston, 15th September, '09; Wm. H. Wilson, 20th June, '10. 79—Wm. Whyte, 3rd September, '09. 81—George Lockwood, 18th February, '10. 82—Andrew H. Baird, 17th July, '09. 83—A. E. Hare, 13th November, '09; Thomas O. Currie, 19th October, '09. 84—Chas. Overbury—2nd May, '10. 85—M. L. Dixon, 17th March, '09; Lewis Washburn, 25th May, '10. 86—R. W. Semple, 21st November, '09; John Akers, 27th March, '10. 87—H. J. Spencely, 15th August, '09; A. P. Smith. 88—Adam Waddell, 31st August, '09; Buell Wilcox, 6th December, '09; John Neil, 26th April, '10. 90—Daniel Wilson, 2nd December, '09; George Watson, 24th September, '09. 92—M. Campbell, 28th July, '09; H. P. Driver, 27th December, '09; A. E. Elmer 29th October, '09; R. McMillan, 23rd January, '09. 93—Peter Thompson, 20th June, 10. 94—Martin Fraser, 23rd June, '09; Harley Derning, 28th May '10. 96—James Anderton, 25th February, '10; John Rogerson, 2nd February, '10; Alf. W. Wilkenson, 5th June, '10; Geo. Francis Lovering, 14th October, '09; Josephus Bailey, 26th November, '09; James L. Burton, 4th January, '10. 97—Wm. Anderson, 23rd September, '09. 100—Andrew Sutherland, 2nd July, '09; Robert McKechnie, 16th October, '09; John H. Holmes, 5th November, '09; W. J. McMillan. 101—Robert Granger, 29th September, '09; Arthur White, 7th June, '10. 103—Andrew Johnston, 18th November, '09; Bernard J. Leubsdorf, 28th November, '09; Moses Mann, 17th March, '10. 104—James N. McAllister, 16th February, '10; M. R. Stover, 19th April, '10; Thomas C. Bartholomew, 15th May, '10. 105—Ralph Garner, 27th August, '09; C. H. Jenks, 9th April, '10. 109—Wm. H. Reynolds. 110—Richard McCarthy, 4th December, '09. 114—John Gamble, 19th August, '09; George Prescott, 25th April, '10. 115—Wm. W. Telfer, 13th August, '09. 119—R. R. Burleigh, 20th May, '10. 121—Clarence M. Bridge, 22nd September, '09; Frank Hamilton, 6th April, '10; Edward Paterson, 13th July, '09; Edward Green, 28th July '09; Job Wood, 6th August, '09; Robert C. Stinson, 14th August, '09. 122 Robert Lee, 8th July, '09. 123—James Macoun, 1st November, '09; S. R. Earle, 23rd January, '10. 126—Adam Dinwoodie, 30th November, '09; Wm. E. Owens, 31st December '09; Alf. H. Rundle, 10th March, '10. 128—John Crozier, 30th October, '09. 131—Duncan F. W. Ferguson, 23rd July, '09; George N. McAuly, 8th December, '09. 135—Robert Coates, 7th January, 10; Smith P. Morse, 21st May '10. 136—Thomas Todd, 7th May, '10. 139—L. J. Coyell, 16th November, '09; Michael Fletcher, 29th December, 09; Alex. N. McLean, 23rd March, '09; Wm. H. Bean, 8th September, '09; George A. Williams, 26th October, '09; W. S. Strachan, 14th November, '09. 140—Granville H. Haight, 11th February, '10; Alvin Cronk, 9th April '10. 143—Ansel B. Carman, 25th August, '09; Wm. Charles Haines, 28th May '09; Robt. Armstrong, 5th May '09. 146—Wm. H. Millar; John Hunter, 8th January, '10. 147—Charles E. Gemmell, 9th December, '09. 148—Walter Green, 1st November '09; Wm. F. Ratz, 6th February, '09; 149—Max J. Keilig, 23rd May, '10. 151—Henry C. Hilborn, 4th August '09. 154—Daniel Siddall, 5th July, '09. 155—Henry Neil, 20th December, '09; James T. Stenson, 28th March, '10; George I. Rozel, 21st April, '10. 156—Allan Charles McKenzie, 27th December '09; Samuel Wicks, 16th May, '10. 157—Wm. H. Freeland, 29th September, '10.

158—M. P. Burns, 7th March, '10. 159—George Ferguson, 12th March, '10. 161—G. W. Thorne, 17th February, '10. 164—James Taylor, 11th August, '09; Clare V. Shourds, 2nd October, '09. 166—R. A. Miller, Sr., 11th September, '09. 169—Thomas J. O'Neill, 5th May, '10. 170—Alex. Sleeman, 25th September, '09; Wm. Meredith, 10th December, '09; J. Duncan, 14th March, '10. 172—Thomas I. Reid, '09. 174—John Baker, '10. 177—J. Kelly, 7th April, '10; J. Rice, 25th February, '10; J. B. Spence, 20th May, '10; Joseph L. Rile, 4th September, '09; Walter N. Barry, 9th October, '09; Hugh Gilmore, 10th November, '09. 178—Jacob Bethune, 21st April, '10. 180—Thomas Richardson, 30th March, '09. 184—Richard R. West, 30th December, '09; W. R. Willis, 13th April, '10. 186—D. C. Winning, 22nd January, '10; R. J. Anderson, 21st January, '10. 190—Angus McCallum, 27th March '10. 192—Wm. Alex. Trimble, 15th July, '09; Samuel J. Saunders, 21st January, '10. 193—L. A. Winegarden, 6th February, '10. 194— John Tracey, 4th September, '09. 195—John D. Wilson, 16th May, '10. 196—James G. Cranston, 13th December, '09; W. G. Robertson, 10th January '10; Duncan McCuan, 12th April, '10; B. V. Stafford, 23rd February, '10. 201—Norman M. Wright, 22nd March '09; F. W. Strong, 17th April, '10. 203—Daniel Ratz, 2nd December, '09; James Wells, 11th March, '10. 209a—A. E. Childs, 21st July, '09. 209—Wm. McKinley, 10th Oct., '09. 215—John W. Sprague, 12th January, '10. 216—W. H. Robinson, 22nd November, '09; Wm. G. Morris, 8th March, '10; J. K. Leslie, 6th June, '10. 217—Joseph L. Brown, 24th October, '09; James McKnight, 18th February, '10. 218—James Perks, 29th November, '09; W. H. Leach, 20th January, '10; George H. Fitzroy, 15th May, '10; A. A. Stevenson, 10th April, '10. 221—Charles Johnson, 14th July, '09; Geo. McClure, 2nd Jan., '10; O. Upper, 17th June, '10; B. F. Morley, 10th February, '10. 222—James Morgan, 15th June, '10. 224—James McArthur, 20th November, 09; Joseph Ellis, 28th February, '10. 225—Peter Ganock, 20th October '09. 229—James Golding, 20th October, 09; R. E. Heggie, 19th April, '10. 231—Alexander A. Stevenson, 9th April, '10. 234—Arthur W. Carscadden, 9th July '09. 236—John R. Graham, 15th November, '09; Thomas S. Patterson, 24th March, '10. 238—Maurice A. Grant, 1st April '10; Wm. Minielly, 13th April, '10. 239—James Elliott, 12th January, '10; C. E. Porter, 22nd January, '10. 242—Peter Dickey, 29th March '10. 247—Edgar A. Badenach, 5th February, '10; Arthur Miller Graham, 3rd April '10. 249—Almon L. Bettes, 4th July '09; Wm. Peters, 3rd January, '10; Thomas I. Truman, 19th June, '10; A. Ingram, 16th March, '10. 254—John Gray, 6th August, '09; John Zybach. 256—Nelson Rooks. 258—Peter Anderson, 29th December, '09. 259—Edmonds Chandler, 14th November, '09. 260—Frank Drader, 16th December, '09. 261—Thomas M. Whiteside, 13th September, '09. 262—John D. Detwiler, 17th May, '10; 264—Robt. G. Reid, 3rd June, '08; James Seager, '09; George Andrews, 30th November, 1909. 272—James Stewart, 19th February, '10; 282—Matthew Algie, 11th February, '10; 284—J. Y. S. Kerk, 28th March '10. 285—W. R. Booth, 28th May, '10. 287—George Mooring, 4th December, '09; John Martin Byer, 10th April, '09; Ed. Thompson, 30th September, '09; E. J. Gray, 16th June, '10. 290—Manse Williams, 7th January, '10. 291—Samuel Adams, 11th July, '09. 295—Stephen M. Clemens, 31st July, '09. 299—Noble McGill, 5th May, '10. 303—Donlad B. McKinnon, 10th August, '09. 306—George Wilson, 21st December, '09. 307—Samuel D. Barnes, 21st April, '10; David J. Detwiler, 2nd April, '10. 309—Jonathan Millar, 8th November, '09. 311—Charles Medforth, 1st May, '09; David Blain, 3rd October, '09. 312—Thomas Hayes, 12th July, '09. 314—Hugh Hyndman, Sr., 26th June, '09; R. G. Roberts, 13th June, '10. 316—Sydney Adlard, 17th August, '09. 322—John A. Wilson, 15th December, '09. 324 George Nicol, 2nd July '09; James Dickson, 22nd July '09; George E. Husband, 1st October, '09; Thos. Beasley, 3rd February, '10; George Dickson, 21st March '10. 326—G. S. Clelland, 1st March, '10; R. L. Davidson, 27th April, '10; John A. McDonald, 9th May, '10; S. R. Higgins, 25th February, '10; George Deacon, 19th August, '09; A. W. O'Brien, 18th July, '09; John A. Vanderwort, 6th July '09; R. J. Walker, 6th June, '09; 327—E. Aitchison, 2nd May, '10. 330—Noah Pratt, 9th October, '09; M. D. Dawson, 28th December '09; Thomas J. Bryne, 24th May, '10; 333—John McArthur, 8th November, '09; William Clayton, 6th May' 10. 334—Robt. Murdock, 4th June, '10. 337—Warren Cook, 4th February, '09. 339—Robert Henry Coombe, 22nd October, '09; G. D. Clelland, 3rd Janu-

ary, '10; W. A. Venner, 16th January, '10; A. T. Armstrong, 12th March, '10. 341—Hugh McColl Blair, 11th September, '09; James A. McLennan, 15th May, '09; D. Robertson; John Kesin; Jas. Caskey. 343—Lewis Charles Connor, 4th November, '09; Harry Atkinson, 27th April, '10; 346—Hugh G. Ford, 20th May, '10. 347—Jas. S. Pattison, 1st August, '09; 348—Richard H. Steadman, 10th April, '09. 354—Jas. Harrison, 22nd December, '09. 357—Warren McKnight, 25th October, '09; R. E. C. Kinsey, 8th November, '09; John Leischman, 22nd, December, '09; John C. Slater, 10th January, '10; Wm. Pepper, 12th April, '10. 358—Samuel H. Wood, 24th July, '09. 361—Archibald Turner, 3rd April, '10. 367—John F. Chapman, 10th July, '09; Wm. Henry Thompson, 18th October, '09; John Graham, 14th, January, '10; Edward H. Pepper, 24th January, '10. 368— Chas. G. Griffin, 30th November, '09; Edward Askew, 27th December, '09; Samuel Connor, 28th May, '10. 369—Donald E. Macdonald, 9th April, '09; Jas. W. Lowrey; Ellis L. Mack, 20th May, '10. 370—Chas. N. Mallory, 22nd February, '10. 371—Samuel T. Cheney, 6th September, '09; James A. Bell, 25th November, '09. 372—R. W. Martin, 17th April, '10; H. F. Perrin, 4th January, '10; Wm. Burton, 23rd March, '10. 376—Ed. J. Gouldie, 23rd October, '09; John Rogerson, 8th February, '10. 377—Wm. McKee, 17th August, '09; John Barr, 22nd November, '09. 378—J. E. Burgess, June, '10. 380—Edward Martyn, 7th December '09; Daniel Steel, 13th January, '10; Charles Taylor, 1st February, '10; F. T. C. Richardson, 3rd June, '10. 382—John Henderson, 16th September, '09; Andrew Coffee, 9th March, '10. 383—Samuel S. Reveler, 7th August, '09; John Bruce Hill, 20th January, '09. 384—William George Bond, 3rd August, '09; Robert Drummond, 5th November, '09. 385—Joseph Wilton, 1st September, '09. 387—Joseph Redmond, 17th January, '10. 388—Darius O'Neill, 24th November, '09. 395—Ashley T. Coulter, 17th January, '10. 396—David Reckin, 11th June, '10. 397—George Spooner, 12th April, '09. 398 William Dixon, '10. 401—Jas. Whitton, 3rd November, '09. 403—John Miers, Jr., 20th June, '09; A. H. Dalziel, 3rd January, '10. 406—Elijah P. Millen, 18th July '09. 409—Thomas G. McDivitt, 10th February, '10. 410—Stanley G. Readman, 15th May, '10. 413—G. M. Brown, D. Mitchell, Jas. Ross, May, '09. 414—John C. McKay, 29th January, '10. 417—S. L. Lent, 16th February, '10. 420—Thomas Jamieson, 20th July, '09; John J. Martin, 6th June, '10; Henry A. Washburn, 17th June, '10. 421—Frank Paget, 29th November, '09 424—George Parker, 27th January, '10. 426—John Ross, 10th February, '10. 427—Richard G. H. Evans, 15th August, '09. 428—Alex. Brown, 28th October, '09; E. F. Holtby, 25th March, '10. 429—Joseph McArthur, 27th June '09; Wm. Mulveney, 29th November, '09. 430—Wm. John Cockburn, 12th September, '09. 431—Alex. C. McKee, 8th October, '09. 437—David Barr, 6th March, '09. 438—F. R. Fox, 22nd December, '09; B. Lindman, O. C. McKenzie, W. H. Hubbard, 15th March, '10. 445—Wm. Walker, 3rd December, '09. 448—Oliver N. Hyatt, 4th November, '09. 450—Ed. McNee, 7th August, '09. 453—James Oakley, 19th June, '10. 454—Charles William Coulter, 28th November, '09; John Duke, 28th January, '10; Wm. Lehman, 7th May, '10. 455—John McM. Fraser, 27th November, '09. 459—James Montgomery, 22nd December, '08. 460—Stewart H. Willoughby, 22nd May, '09. 462—J. E. Deacon, 13th February, '10; A. Goulett, 10th February, '10. 463—A. H. Brandon, 31st Oct., '09; John B. Andrews, 23rd March, '10. 466—Robt. Bell, 21st Dec., '09. 467—G. A. Laidlaw, 13th February, '10; John Landerkin, 18th April, '09. 468—John York, 27th September, '09. 470—J. Albert Eplett, 27th August, '09. 472—John McM. Fraser, 27th November. 473—Joseph Lea, 10th Devember, '10. 474—Wilson Wilby, 24th January, '10. 477—Augustine Sawers, 10th January, '09. 478—James Crawford, 23rd May, '10. 485—Wm. Henry Walker, 9th October, '09; 494—John W. MacNeil, 4th December, '09.

RESTORATIONS, 1909-1910

3—James Ross. 5—Charles R. McWilliams, Alex. L. Murray, Alex. Fraser. 6—Sol. Zimmerman. 9—Arthur Toomey. 14—Geo. R. McCarthy. 15—Wm. T. Merrick. 17—Wm. Grath. 18—M. R. Allison. 20—A. McFadden. 22—Clarence D. Fourlie. 38—Columbus Scott. 39—F. J. Bannister. 43—James A. Gunn. 44—Herbert Fleulling. 45—G. W. Morris, J. E. Griffiths, Charles Duvett, C. W. Olmstead. 46—H. C. Philip, John Wood. 47—Islay McConnell, Gordon J. Leggatt. 48

—John H. Collins. 52—Benjamin F. Bolton, J. B. Hall, W. G. Smith. 55—John J. Nevins. 57—John Neal. 63—J. R. Paff. 65—Jas. Renwick. 68—Jos. W. Holmes. 69—Thos. B. Marshall, David Cotton. 75—J. Wesley Budd, James P. Snook, Henry F. Parkins. 79—James Benrose, Walter S. Moore. 82—Robert H. Elliott. 83—John R. Clarke. 93—John C. McKenzie, Robert Munroe, Horace A. McIntosh. 94—Archibald Morrison, Charles F. Weir, Wm. Berry. 96—Alf. W. Brown, W. B. Harvey. 97—Ewing, Wm. A., John D. Graham. 100—Richard L. Shaver, E. R. Quackenbush, James O. Rooke. 104—Wm. Topham. 105—B. E. Hogan, H. G. Cook. 113—Isaac W. Merrill. 122—Harry W. Airth, Hamilton Douglas. 127—S. A. Deynam, S. F. Dixon, Stanley T. Vanderoot, C. O. Hess. 133—Arthur W. Hotham. 135—Robert Brown, Joseph W. Rolls. 137—Wm. S. Bates. 139—James A. Douglas, Wilson Henderson. 142—David D. Roberts. 143—Barnabas C. Rose, S. G. Moore, Willis O. N. Fletcher. 144—Alfred B. Boult, Andrew McBeth. 149—Charles D. Wooley. 156—James T. Dallenger. 157—James B. Ackland. 161—L. J. Frost. Wm. T. Patterson. 177—S. A. Wilson. 180—H. C. Speller. 184—W. R. Willis. 186—Wm. T. Franklin. 193—McKenzie Malcolm, N. Pursell, Wm. McConnell. 196—Charles D. McNab, Robert G. Plaw. 197—T. W. Barnett. 201—Robert Austin, R. C. Porte. 207—Charles Sangster, John A. McPherson, Alex. McGregor. 212—Martin Johnson. 218—George R. T. Mayne. 221—Wm. McIntosh, R. Marsland. 225—Thos. J. Sheppard. 231—W. H. Caddie. 238—John Monkman. 249—Wm. A. Hunter, H. C. Mimms, F. R. Wheatley, N. McMillen. 256—N. A. McLeod, C. Bouck, H. T. Bowman. 257—George Mutch. 261—Robert H. Walton. 264—Charles Marshall. 269—Horatio A. Wetherall. 277—John Patterson. 283—John T. Thompson, John Elliott. 285—Jas. Jerrett, George Hussey. 286—Alfred H. Carr. 287—Reginald G. Newman. 289—George Lipsitt. 290—James E. Quick, Burns Foster, George E. Robinson. 291—Henry H. Nichols. 297—Herman VanErde. 299—Chas. A. Callery. 300—Edward Nicholson. 302—James Fiddler, William Clark, Hiram Rushton. 319—C. W. F. Howard, 320—W. R. Keys, E. H. Marsellas, C. P. Gray, A. C. Garrow, P. A. McGregor. 323—Fred J. Benner. 324—Wm. A. Tebb. 325—James H. Barkwell. 326—J. J. Higgins, R. H. Martin, Wm. B. Reid, T. E. Harding. 327—Robert Prior. 330—Henry E. St. George, A. T. Cooper. 332—James S. Crozier. 339—George T. Doonelle. 344—Wm. E. Wilson. 345—George A. Hutchison. 354—George W. Capling. 361—Donald Thompson, Archibald Turner. 367—John A. Hatch. 368—James Norris, D. Barnes. 369—Thomas Edwards, Wm. H. Quinn, Wm. Graydon. 374—John T. A. Smithson. 382—Jas. Lawrie. 388—Darius O'Neil. 391—John C. Smith. 399—James A. Robins. 400—Talbot T. Harris. 405—Wm. J. Smail. 409—W. W. McPhee. 410—Thomas M. Humble, F. G. Robson, John T. Thompson, Wm. H. Thompson. 413—John Wands. 414—Harry Eager. 420—James Shotton, Alex. R. Morris. 438—Wm. B. Conray. 443—H. Cameron Smith.

In Memoriam

Most Worshipful Brother

Alexander Allan Stevenson

Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M.
of Canada
In the Province of Ontario

Died 9th April, 1910

In Memoriam

Right Worshipful Brother

Thomas Mitchell Davis

Past Grand Registrar and a member of the Lodge of
Strict Observance No. 27, Hamilton

Died 6th September, 1909

Right Worshipful Brother

Bernard J. Leubsdorf

Past District Deputy Grand Master of Niagara District No. 10
and a member of Maple Leaf Lodge No. 103
St. Catharines

Died 29th November, 1909

Right Worshipful Brother

Wilson Wilby

District Deputy Grand Master of Toronto West District No. 11
and a member of Humber Lodge No. 305, Weston

Died 24th January, 1910

In Memoriam

Right Worshipful Brother

Malcolm Gibbs

Past Grand Registrar and a member of Rehoboam Lodge No. 65, Toronto

Died 7th March, 1910

Right Worshipful Brother

H. A. L. White

Past District Deputy Grand Master of South Huron District No. 4 and a member of St. James Lodge No. 73 St. Mary's

Died 8th July, 1910

LIST OF GRAND OFFICERS, 1910-1911.

The Grand Master

M. W. Bro. Daniel Fraser Macwatt ....Sarnia

The Deputy Grand Master

R. W. Bro. Aubrey White .... Toronto

The District Deputy Grand Masters

R.W.Bro.	F. D. Laurie	Chatham	Erie District	No. 1
"	Thos. Montgomery	Sarnia	St. Clair "	2
"	J. C. Spencer	St. Thomas	London "	3
"	Fred. Holwell	Baden	South Huron "	4
"	James Burns	Southampton ...	North Huron "	5
"	George Naylor	Ingersoll	Wilson "	6
"	James Ireland	Durham	Wellington "	7
"	G. R. Lloyd	Hamilton	Hamilton "	8
"	Geo. E. J. Brown	Creemore	Georgian "	9
"	R. G. Hoover	Thorold	Niagara "	10
"	A. J. Brown	Eglinton	Toronto West "	11
"	R. W. Brennan	Toronto	Toronto East "	11a
"	Jas. B. Begg	Lindsay	Ontario "	12
"	H. H. Post	Wellington	Pr. Edward "	13
"	Robt. G. Graham	Gananoque	Frontenac "	14
"	Thos. Dowell	Brockville	St. Lawrence "	15
"	Walter M. Ross	Ottawa	Ottawa "	16
"	D. H. Currie	Kenora	Algoma "	17
"	Frank W. Haynes	New Liskeard ..	Nipissing "	18
"	J. W. Harris	Burk's Falls .. .	Muskoka "	19
"	A. W. McLeod	Newcastle	Otonabee "	20
"	H. C. Jones	Vankleek Hill ..	Eastern "	21

The Grand Wardens

R. W. Bro. Lewis R. Terwilligar, Grand Senior Warden, Belleville
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Appendix to Proceedings of 1910

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE

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To the President and the Board of General Purposes

On behalf of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, I beg to submit the following report of the proceedings of Grand Lodges received by the undersigned during the Masonic year 1909, or twenty-seven years in all. Bro. Robertson has been Secretary of the Committee for the same period.

While it is not possible to learn from the Round Table" has not been published; and while it is not known to many without full knowledge it is not known to many without full knowledge it is not known to many without full knowledge

For many years the foreign correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Canada was conducted by M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson. The reports made by that brother extended from 1873 to 1878, and from 1889 to 1909, or twenty-seven years in all. Bro. Robertson also conducted the foreign correspondence of the Grand Chapter of Canada from 1868 to 1895, and of the Great Priory from 1889 to 1897. So that in all for these three Masonic bodies he has written sixty-four reports. While it is not possible to learn how long any other member of "the Round Table" has served as foreign correspondent, and while it is not wise to make assertions without full knowledge, it is probable that at the time of his retirement, M. W. Bro. Robertson was the dean of the corps.

For some years Bro. Robertson's health has not been in a satisfactory state, and he had repeatedly asked to be relieved from duty, but was prevailed upon to remain in harness till last summer when he visited the Pacific coast in hope of benefit. Under these circumstances the Board of General Purposes, at the last meeting of Grand Lodge, asked the present writer to take up the pen laid down by our distinguished and able Past Grand Master, whose reports have given so much evidence of ability and industry, and have been so favorably received throughout the Masonic world

A study of the seventy-six reports of proceedings which have passed through my hands, convinces me that the Masonic Order is not only making more rapid progress than ever before, but that it is doing Masonic work in such a manner as more and more answers the objects of its existence and proves its value as a great moral and educating force in the world. Masonry is not a show; it is a reality. It is not merely a social order; it is a world-wide beneficence.

Almost without exception the reports tell of an increase in numbers, of perfect harmony and of greater activity in ministering to the needs of the suffering.

MASONIC BENEVOLENCE

An excellent Hebrew friend and brother once said: "I do not like this word 'charity' to designate the assistance given to our brethren. In Hebrew we

have no such word as 'charity.' The act of giving to the needy we call 'justice.' Our brother has a claim upon us for assistance, and if we refuse that assistance we are unjust." However, I am willing to hold to the word excepted to by the rabbi; for charity signifies love; and perhaps love as a motive is nobler than justice. Let us keep both thoughts in mind. We should give succor to our distressed brethren because they have a claim upon us; and love should prompt us to come to their aid without casting about for a motive. And when justice and love go hand in hand to visit the homes of the poor, be sure that the blessing of the All Merciful Father will accompany the visitant.

In England, Scotland and Ireland there are noble Masonic charities, liberally endowed. Conditions in Canada are so widely different from those in the countries named that it is not necessary to make a study of these homes. In time we may hope to have similar asylums, but not at present. In the United States twenty-three Grand Lodges have provided homes; two expect to have them in the near future; eight have approved the plan of homes, but have deferred action; and sixteen have either rejected proposals to establish homes or have taken no action on the subject. Credit is due to R. W. Bro. Whicher, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of California, for these figures. The cost of maintenance ranges from $79 per capita in North Carolina to $260 in Illinois. But it should be noted that in North Carolina only orphans of Masons are cared for in the home; and needy brethren and widows of Masons are cared for by the lodges in the ordinary way. Bro. Whicher thinks that the average cost of maintaining an inmate of a Masonic home in the United States is about two hundred dollars. That is over and above the cost of the buildings and grounds.

In New York the Masonic home is at Utica. The property cost about half a million dollars, and it provides a residence in which decayed brethren and the widows and orphans of brethren are sheltered in a manner worthy of the large charity and opulent position of the greatest aggregation of Masons in the

world. At present this home is maintained by an assessment of one dollar per year upon each of the 160,000 Masons in the state. It is hoped that when the temple property of the Grand Lodge in New York city shall be reconstructed and the betterments paid for, the revenues derived from that property will suffice for the maintenance of the Home without direct contributions from the lodges or the brethren.

In the year ending March 31, 1909, the expenses of the home amounted to $109,091.78, the average number of inmates was 365, and the average cost of maintenance was $296. Outside of that, of course, was the interest on the investment, which at 4 per cent. would amount to $20,000 more. The actual cost, then, of maintaining one inmate of the Utica home for one year, is more than $350.

New York, however, is a great and wealthy state, and the Masons of New York are able to deal very generously with their decayed brethren. Let us take, then, another state, not so wealthy, and with fewer Masons. The State of Nebraska, at the last report, had more than 17,000 affiliated Masons. It has a home at Plattsmouth, at which for the year 1908, thirty people were cared for, of whom 20 were men, 4 women, 3 boys and 1 girl. The secretary says that the cost of maintenance of one inmate for one full year was within a small fraction of $230.30. The revenue for the maintenance of the home is raised partly by a per capita tax of fifty cents per member annually, partly by gifts from individuals and Masonic bodies, and partly by interest on investments. In his address last year Grand Master De Bord said: "This Grand Lodge has given abundantly of its means, and no doubt in the future will be called upon to give even more abundantly, as increased demands are made upon us by the ever-widening circle of those entitled to our love and fostering care."

New Jersey had, at the time of the last report, 26,595 Masons in good standing. It has a home at Trenton in which there were 81 inmates 40 men, 19 women, 10 boys and 12 girls. The committee on Masonic Home, of which Grand Master Wolfskeil was the chairman, reported as follows:

The total receipts of the maintenance fund have been $28,528.61, of which $8,425.80 is from the thirty-cent per capita tax, $15,140.24 from initiates, etc.; $3,900 from interest on investments, $678.54 interest on deposits and $341.57 from pensions to inmates. The payments have amounted to $19,735.30, leaving a balance to constitute the Emergency Fund for 1909 of $8,793.01. Adding to the expenditure the value of supplies on hand January 1st, 1908, $978.29, and deducting the value of supplies on hand December 31st, 1908, $1,300.73, and committee expenses, $502.38, we find the net expenditure to have been $18,910.96, of which $1,353.56 has been expended for the maintenance of the property and $17,557.40 for the maintenance of the inmates, or at the rate of $230.44 per capita per annum.

In Ohio there is a Masonic home, toward the maintenance of which Grand Lodge contributed last year $21,701.70. Of this total $21,701.70 was obtained by an assessment of 30 cents per member, and $10,000 was a direct grant from the funds of Grand Lodge. The Grand Chapter also contributed $11,488; the Grand Council $2,000; and the Grand Commandery $3,500, making the total receipts $48,689.70. There were in the home at the time of the report, 174 persons, 73 men, 46 women, 31 boys and 24 girls. The charges for maintenance and betterments of the property were $12,081.88, or nearly $280 for each inmate.

Georgia maintains a home in which at the date of the last report there were 4 men, 9 women, 9 boys and 11 girls. The average cost of maintaining an inmate for one year was $211.90. A significant part of the report is the statement of the trustees that it is "moving to have the old and young, males and females, huddled together."

Alabama is building a home, which should now be about ready for occupancy. A per capita tax upon the members, limited to 50 cents annually, will it is expected, suffice for the needs of the home.

Kentucky has a home for widows and orphans of Masons. This is supported in part by the income from a endowment fund of $144,000, which it is hoped will be increased to $500,000. Expenditures last year were $17,442, and the cost for each inmate was $137.55.

Michigan has a home which provides shelter for 44 men and 16 women. The annual expenditure is $185.53 for each inmate, and for its maintenance

Grand Lodge contributes 20 cents annually for each Master Mason in the state.

Mississippi has a home which was opened in 1908. In addition to the property there is an endowment fund of $70,000, which it is hoped will be increased to $100,000; and there is a per capita tax upon Masons in the state of 50 cents annually.

Missouri has a home for aged Masons, and for widows and orphans. The cost of maintaining each resident is about $190 per annum. The property and the endowment amount to $270,000.

Pennsylvania is a state of noble charities. Its Masonic home has, in real estate and invested funds, more than a million dollars. In this home are 92 men, 24 widows, and 14 girls. The funds for the maintenance of the home, besides interest on investments, are supplied by Grand Lodge, by subordinate lodges and by individuals.

Texas has a widows' and orphans' home, in which there are 15 widows, 106 girls and 77 boys. The cost of maintenance, including education, was $170.55, which is supplied by a per capita tax upon members of 50 cents.

In former days, in this jurisdiction, Masonic benevolence was not systematized. A needy brother obtained assistance from individual brethren or from his lodge. This was the system for several years after the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada. It was a defective system, because in many cases the needs of distressed brethren were greater than the ability of their lodges to grant relief. It became apparent that the stronger and wealthier lodges must supply the deficiency, and this redistribution of the burden could best be accomplished by Grand Lodge. Accordingly grants were made from the General Fund; but it was clearly understood that the grants were only supplementary to the assistance given by the lodges. The first assistance given by Grand Lodge was a special grant of $100 to Mrs. Z. M. Phillips in 1859. This was in recognition of the great service to Masonry in Canada rendered by her deceased husband. In the same year a memorial was received from the Worshipful Master and Wardens of St. Andrew's Lodge, Tor-

onto, praying for the appointment of a committee "to consider the best means to be taken for erecting an asylum or other charitable institution" for the relief of destitute Masons. The committee was appointed and entered upon its labors, but did not present its report until 1861. In that year it recommended the establishment of a home; that the lodges should be asked to contribute to a fund for the purchase and maintenance of this home; that the Grand Lodge should make grants as its means might permit; and that buildings should not be begun until a sum of $20,000 should be available for the purpose. Considerable sums were contributed, but the aggregate never reached an amount which seemed to warrant Grand Lodge in undertaking the work; and in the meantime Grand Lodge began to make grants in cases of extraordinary need. These grants were not large, nor were they systematically made. In the five years ending in 1865, they aggregateed only $936. In the following ten years a total of $27,892 was given, the grant for 1875 being $5,605. As these grants increased in amount the need for a home became less, and brethren realized that the method of relief that had grown into a system was, all things considered, better than the establishment of a home. Accordingly the project was abandoned. The sums contributed to the asylum fund were, when demanded, returned to the donors, and the money remaining was placed to the credit of the general fund of Grand Lodge. From a very valuable report made to Grand Lodge in 1905, by R. W. Bro. Gunn, then chairman of the Board of Benevolence, I take the following figures: In the five years ending 1865, the benevolent grants by Grand Lodge amounted to $936.

In the ten years ending 1875	$27,892
In the ten years ending 1885	90,478
In the ten years ending 1895	93,820
In the ten years ending 1905	113,613
Since that time the annual grants have been:	
1906	$22,110
1907	20,150
1908	21,956
1909	24,362
1910	24,124

In addition to the above grants were made from revenue received from the semi-centennial fund in the last three years as follows:

1898	$1,210
1899	2,010
1900	2,930

The benevolent work of Grand Lodge is growing in two directions. As our order grows the number of the needy increases, and as the cost of the necessaries of life has greatly increased of late years, it has become necessary to augment the individual grants. In 1899, 357 grants were made. The highest amount, except in three special cases, was $50, and the total of the grants was $9,010. In 1900 the maximum grant was $100, and the total amount was $13,150. In the year last closed the grants numbered 405; the maximum grant, including supplemental aid from the semi-centennial fund, was $200; and the total amount was $26,174.00. It will be borne in mind that these are grants from Grand Lodge alone. No account is taken of assistance given by private lodges, by other Masonic organizations, or by individual members.

The grants by subordinate lodges, as reported, exceeded $17,000, bringing the total benevolence of Craft Masonry in this jurisdiction for the past year to the very respectable sum of about $44,000. The amounts given by other Masonic bodies and by individual Masons are not known.

It is manifest that if we are to care for those now claiming assistance and deserving of it, we cannot maintain them in a home. There are over 400 on our lists. To provide for them we would be compelled to have very expensive buildings; and with the buildings provided, we should be called upon for $75,000 or $80,000 annually for their maintenance. It is certain that Grand Lodge cannot find so much money.

It is true that all of those now receiving Grand Lodge assistance would not go to a home. There are many widows, some with minor children, who partially earn their support; and with some help from our funds, manage to keep their children at home.

And this fact leads to a very serious consideration, which is that the children are much better off under

the watchful care of a mother than they could possibly be in a home. In this very valuable report of the New York home for 1908, M. W. Bro. Scudder says:

> With regard to our efforts in behalf of our children, our work has been a success, and figures become of interest, because they bring home to us, more than the need of charitization, what we have done. Of the 157 children over whom we have assumed responsibility, and for whom we are answerable, 77 have left the Home. Of this number

There were graduated	37
There were withdrawn by their mothers	23
There were expelled by us	15
There has died	1
There has been sent to the Craig Colony	1

Of the girls who left the home, he said, one was married badly, two were married happily, five were doing fairly well, three were not doing well, two had "gone to the bad." Of the boys, seven were doing well, ten were making their way, eighteen were not doing well, two had "gone to the bad." Bro. Scudder was, we think, unnecessarily severe upon the system which showed such results. When he spoke of "negligence, indifference, callousness," which he considered "the everlasting disgrace of the fraternity"—when he "blushed with shame," at the impotency of our great fraternity to secure better results in the case of children educated in the home—he forgot that no artificial nurture can take the place of the parents' training and the mother's watchful care. The defects inseparable from and inherent in every asylum for children are observed in the New York home. That home is probably the best of its kind in the world, and we could not possibly hope for better results in any home which might be established in Canada. To the largest extent possible the Canadian system of Masonic benevolence keeps families together; and, to that extent, it is better than the best system of Masonic homes.

It will be noticed that in most cases the homes in the several states are maintained in whole or in part by assessment upon the lodges proportioned to the membership. In some states the assessment is as low as 25 or 30 cents, in others it is as high as a dollar per member. It is doubtful in the extreme that Canadian Masons would be willing to tax themselves to

the amount of a dollar a year for the support of a home; and it is not probable that any proper home could be maintained for less than $40,000 or $50,000 annually; while the whole of the existing invested funds of Grand Lodge would be required for the purchase of land and the erection of buildings.

Looking at the question from every side, it is probable that the system of benevolence adopted in Canada is, considering the means at our disposal, the best that can be devised. It keeps families together as much as possible; it does not pauperize the recipients of the bounty; it costs less than a home would cost; and it distributes the burden, with a reasonable approach to equity, among the members of the craft throughout the jurisdiction.

It has already been said that a Masonic home would receive only those wholly unable to maintain themselves; and the support of these would exhaust the resources of Grand Lodge. Those who can do something toward their own support, and who need only that their income be eked out, would have to be aided by their lodges. Thus the burden upon the brethren would be greater than it is at present, while the results would in all probability be less satisfactory.

ALABAMA

The eighty-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alabama was opened at Montgomery, December 7, 1909.

Hugh S. D. Mallory, Grand Master.

Lodges represented, 427; unrepresented, 76. Five Past Grand Masters were present.

In opening his address the Grand Master spoke of peace, worldly blessings and intellectual and moral improvement. "Our great order," he said, "during the past year, has not only grown in membership, but I am assured it has grown in power for good, and that it has added much to the greatness of our commonwealth."

He issued dispensations for the formation of no less than twenty-three new lodges.

Among his decisions were the following:

1. The jurisdiction of a lodge in an incorporated town extends half way to the nearest lodge.
2. A lodge under dispensation is not required to have a seal, but it may have one if its members so desire.
3. By custom, the 24th of June is installation day, and lodge officers should not be installed before that day.
4. Each lodge should provide a sufficient number of both white and black balls to enable its members to vote either a white or a black ball.
5. A brother suspended for non-payment of dues is reinstated upon payment of all arrears; but the payment and reinstatement must be in open lodge.
6. When an officer of a lodge is charged with a Masonic offence, he must vacate his office, and a temporary appointment made until the trial is ended.
7. If a Mason is guilty of swindling his creditors, whether they are Masons or not, he is guilty of a Masonic offence.
8. The refrain to the song the first line of which is "God be with you till we meet again," and the song commonly known as the "Long Metre Doxology." are sectarian.

A constitutionl amendment was adopted permitting a rejected candidate to make new application after the lapse of three years.

R. W. Bro. W. Y. Titcomb is chairman of the committee on Foreign Correspondence; and the work is to him evidently a labor of love. He fills 284 pages with a report all of which is full of interest. He tells his readers that "Masonic benevolence in Canada is something real and large," that our system of reports from District Deputy Grand Masters is "very fine," and regrets the paucity of reports from the general committees of our Grand Lodge. In the latter respect we think he is hardly just; for in the Proceedings reviewed by him there are reports from committees on Audit and Finance, Benevolence, Condition of Masonry, Constitution, Laws and Jurisprudence, Foreign Correspondence, Fraternal Dead, Grand Master's Address, Grievances and Appeals, Printing and Supplies, Warrants and Credentials; in addition to reports from several special committees.

Bro. Titcomb's committee reported in favor of recognizing the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, which was formed by the consolidation of the Grand Lodges of Indian Territory and Oklahoma; declining to enter into fraternal relations with the Bureau of International Masonic Relations, Neuchatel, Switzerland, as it would be of no benefit and "might involve us in

entangling alliances'; recommending that the Grand Lodge of Salvador be not at present recognized, and concerning relations between the Grand Lodges of Alabama and New Jersey. In New Jersey there is a lodge of negroes, warranted by the Grand Lodge, and the committee recommends that enquiry be made of the Grand Master of New Jersey, whether or not the allegiance of this lodge is still held; and, if it is, then that the Grand Master of Alabama be empowered and requested to declare fraternal intercourse with New Jersey at an end. All these recommendations were adopted by Grand Lodge.

Lodges, 515, of which 13 are under dispensation; members, 22,319; a gain of 1,097.

Lawrence H. Lee (Montgomery), Grand Master.
George A. Beauchamp (Montgomery), Grand Secretary.

ALBERTA

The fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, was opened at Lethbridge, May 26, 1909.

Rev. Canon Hogbin, Grand Master.

Lodges represented, 28; unrepresented, 13.

Membership, 2,539; increase, 314.

Grand Master Hogbin was most zealous in the discharge of his duties. It was his intention to visit all the lodges in the jurisdiction; but owing to illness, he was able to visit only 22. He, however, constituted and consecrated eleven out of fourteen of the new lodges, to which warrants had been granted; laid one corner stone, and dedicated two lodge rooms. While congratulating the brethren on the gratifying increase in the membership, he feels impelled to raise a warning voice against the 'grave and serious danger' of making too rapid growth by accepting unworthy material. True Masonic work, he tells us, is of a moral nature, and the man who cannot work to secure moral results is not a strength, but a weakness, to the order. The 'spirit of commercialism' and a desire to swell the membership of the lodges, should not cause brethren to forget the true intent of Masonry.

Bro. Hogbin ruled that in case of a Masonic trial the Master of the lodge in which the trial takes place

cannot act as counsel for the defence of the accused. In the absence of the Master and the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden should rule the lodge and not a Past Master. Such is the law in this jurisdiction; but it is generally found to be more satisfactory to have a Past Master in the chair. Of course, if the Warden should insist upon his right he must be indulged, but he cannot take the Master's chair nor work degrees.

In some by-laws the Grand Master found a provision that brethren in arrears of dues for more than twelve months should not be eligible for office in a lodge, nor allowed to vote; and this provision, he declared to be unconstitutional. He was, undoubtedly, right; for no Mason should be deprived of any of his Masonic rights or privileges until after due trial and conviction. Such is the express declaration of the law in this jurisdiction.

J. T. Macdonald, (Calgary), Grand Master.

George Macdonald, M.D., (Calgary), Grand Secretary.

ARIZONA.

The twenty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Arizona was opened at Tucson, February 8, 1910. Fletcher Morris Doan, Grand Master. Fifteen lodges were represented; unrepresented, 4.

Among the distinguished visitors was M. W. Brother W. F. Pierce, Grand Master of Masons in California.

The address of the Grand Master is an excellent and strictly business document. In opening Brother Doan said: "For the harmony that has pervaded our membership and lodges; for the ties of love and friendship that have been strengthened during the year; for the good we have been able to accomplish, we desire to return thanks to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe and to invoke His blessing upon the labors in which we are now about to engage."

He deplored the death of three Past Grand Masters of the jurisdiction: Ansel Nelson Bragg, the first Grand Master of Arizona; George Shand and Francis Marion Zaek.

He had given no decisions which call for remark, all being mere interpretations of existing Masonic law.

He granted four dispensations, none of them having more than local interest.

He said: "Our relations with our sister jurisdictions have been amicable and harmonious."

The travelling trowel, which was started upon its travels by Justice Lodge, No. 853, New York, having reached Tucson on its way to the City of Mexico, the Grand Master met the visiting delegation which brought it from California, and delivered the address of welcome. The incidents of the presentation were highly interesting. Bro. Doan says: "Occasions of this kind do more to spread the cement of brotherly love, and establish intimate and cordial relations between our sister jurisdictions than is apparent at first glance."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported in favor of recognizing the Grand Lodge Alpina of Switzerland, and the report was adopted.

Lodges 20, including one under dispensation. Members 1,807, a gain of 146.

Frank Thomas, (Phoenix), Grand Master.

George J. Roskruge, (Tucson), Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS

The sixty-seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas was opened at Little Rock, Nov. 16, 1909.

Edgar A. McCulloch, Grand Master.

Lodges represented 456; unrepresented, 87.

During the year seven emergent communications had been held—six for the laying of corner-stones, and one for the dedication of the Masonic Orphans' Home at Batesville. Judging by the photograph of the building, the home is a beautiful and commodious edifice. Its cost, including the furnishing, was about $66,000.

In his address the Grand Master spoke of progress and encouraging conditions. He said:

> In the growth of Masonry, and in its material accomplishments during the year, we have much to be proud of, and the condition of the order at this time should be a matter of great satisfaction. We have had a prosperous year; but the thing which, above all things else, we are most proud of, is the completion and dedication of the Orphans' Home.

His decisions are of local interest only, except that declaring that "the ceremony of laying a cornerstone should not be conducted on the Sabbath day, even though the edifice be a church house. No Masonic work or ceremony should be performed on the Sabbath day, except in case of emergency; and the laying of a cornerstone does not constitute such an emergency, for it can as well be done on any other day of the week."

Dispensations were issued for the organization of eleven new lodges.

Bro. McCulloch is not favorably impressed by the national conferences of Grand Masters, fearing that in the end they will interfere with the sovereignty of the Grand Lodges as they now exist. He says:

> I note in some quarters a persistent and growing effort to bring about a concert of action on the part of the Grand Lodges of this country. This has been manifested by certain conferences of Grand Masters. These meetings are in themselves harmless, and may be productive of some good, in the exchange of views on topics of common interest concerning exact uniformity in the esoteric work, and the like. But they lead inevitably to some kind of union of all the Grand Lodges into one general governing body, in the nature of a National or Supreme Lodge. Against such a movement we should firmly set our faces, for this Grand Lodge should, in my judgment, never surrender a particle of its sovereign powers.

We fail to see the danger to the independence of the Grand Lodges in periodical conferences of Grand Masters. And we can see much good that might result from these conferences without asking or expecting any surrender of sovereignty. Bro. McCulloch himself supplies one bit of evidence: Arkansas claims perpetual jurisdiction over rejected candidates. California permits a rejected candidate to put in a new petition one year after rejection. A gentleman petitioned an Arkansas lodge and was rejected. Five years afterwards he petitioned a lodge in California, where he then resided; was accepted and initiated. Bro. McCulloch fears that harmony between the two lodges may be disturbed because the claims as to jurisdiction are not the same. Now, is it not possible that conferences of Grand Masters may bring about uniformity of practice as to jurisdiction over rejected material, and thus eliminate an element of discord? And, how could the independence of any Grand Lodge be endangered by an agreement of this nature?

Here is a bit of ancient history, with some opera bouffe comicality in it. During the civil war, and for two years after the close of the war, officials of the United States Government occupied the premises of the Grand Lodge. A claim for rent was placed before the Court of Claims at Washington, and after many years the claim was allowed for two years from April, 1865, to April, 1867. But it was decided that the Grand Lodge was disloyal during the war, therefore, the money could not be paid.

The foreign correspondence is handled by a committe of which Bro. J. C. McRae is chairman. The report is largely made up of judicious selections from the addresses of Grand Masters and reports of committees.

Lodges, 528; members, 19,535; an increase of 441.

A. J. Witt, (Pocahontas), Grand Master.

Fay Hempstead, (Little Rock), Grand Secretary.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

The thirty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia was opened at Vancouver, June 17, 1909.

M. W. Bro. W. E. Houston, Grand Master.

Lodges represented, 45; unrepresented, 2.

The Grand Master reported that "peace, good-will and harmony are the prevailing notes within our borders," and that progress and prosperity had attended the craft during the year.

When he learned of the disastrous fire at Fernie, he wired the District Deputy Grand Master to draw upon the Grand Treasurer for assistance. He adds: "The same spirit animated the Grand Lodge of Canada, the Grand Lodge of Alberta, and the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, in offering aid and requesting to know how much. I am happy to say their generous offers were not required, but we thank them heartily for the spirit which prompted them."

Dispensations were granted for the formation of seven new lodges.

It was Bro. Houston's desire to visit officially every lodge in the jurisdiction. He regrets that he was able to visit only thirty. To most, however, this will appear to have been a pretty good record.

He regrets that the work in British Columbia is not the same in all lodges; and think that the time has come when uniformity should be secured by Grand Lodge action.

In August Lebanon Lodge of Tacoma, Wash., visited Victoria and presented to Vancouver and Quadra Lodge, No. 2, the silver trowel which had been started on its travels by Justice Lodge, No. 753, of New York. Subsequently a deputation from Vancouver and Quadra Lodge conveyed the trowel to Oakland, California, and there delivered it to Oakland Lodge, No. 188.

The present being the fiftieth year since the establishment of a Freemason's lodge in British Columbia, the Grand Master recommends that the jubilee of Masonry in this jurisdiction be fittingly celebrated.

The foreign correspondence is in the hands of a committee of which R. W. Bro. W. A. DeWolf Smith is chairman. His work is good, and always interesting, though we cannot always see just as he does. For example, he does not like that provision in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Canada which declares that "no brother is eligible to the office of Master of the lodge unless he shall have served for twelve months as Warden in a lodge in this jurisdiction." Now, let us look at the matter in this way: We do not allow one of our own brethren to be installed unless he has served for twelve months as Warden. The reason is that he is not supposed to have the necessary instruction and experience to enable him to rule his lodge well and conduct the work effectively and correctly unless he has had the necessary experience in subordinate positions, and proved to the brethren that he is able to carry on the lord's work properly. A Past Master from another jurisdiction may be skilled in the work of that jurisdiction, but the better skilled and more expert he is, the worse will he be fitted to work acceptably under our laws, which are different, and according to our ritual, which is different. The Master of a lodge should have only our law in his mind when he rules his lodge, and only our "work" in his mind when he confers degrees. And just here let us direct Bro. Smith's attention to Sec. 37 of the Canadian Constitution, which says: "The

privileges of Masonic rank under this Grand Lodge shall be restricted to those who have obtained rank under this jurisdiction."

No. of warranted lodges, 47; under dispensation, 8; members 4,158; a gain of 402.

H. N. Rich, (Ladner's), Grand Master.

R. E. Brett, (Victoria), Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA

The sixtieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California was opened at San Francisco Oct. 12, 1909. M. W. Bro. Oscar Lawler, Grand Master.

Lodges represented, 311; unrepresented, 19.

The Grand Master reported peace and prosperity throughout the jurisdiction, and a very gratifying measure of progress. The membership at the close of the Masonic year was 41,007; a net gain of 2,338.

Eleven lodges under dispensation had been constituted and consecrated and dispensations had been issued for the formation of six new lodges.

The death of M. W. Bro. Gilbert B. Claiborne, Past Grand Master, was noted.

Relief to sufferers by the Italian earthquake has been sent to the amount of $2,500, and a further sum of $2,368 was in the hands of the Grand Secretary, but was not needed by the Italian brethren.

Among the decisions given by the Grand Master are these:

1. A brother removed from the state and was suspended for non-payment of dues. He was absent seventeen years, and then without returning to California, petitioned his mother lodge for restoration. The lodge feared that to restore him would be an infringement upon the jurisdiction of the state in which the suspended brother resided. The Grand Master held that the brother might tender arrears of dues and petition for restoration. He added: "Should this decision not be concurred in, it will be necessary to adopt some legislation in order that a brother suspended (probably under adverse circumstances) because of inability to pay his dues, who removes from the state, may not be forever debarred from again entering the fraternity."

2. Requests for conferring degrees by lodges in other jurisdictions should be made through the Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries.

3. When a Mason has been convicted of crime involving moral turpitude, it should be the duty of the appropriate officer of his lodge to prefer charges against the person so convicted, and

press them to a conclusion. "If the conviction has been erroneous the error will be readily discovered; if correct, the criminal should find no abiding place in Freemasonry."

3. A Mason from another jurisdiction, resident in California for twelve years and holding a dimit from his mother lodge, is not entitled to any of the rights, privileges or charities of the order. "Hence he is not entitled to visit a lodge in this jurisdiction."

4. A lodge may entertain charges of unmasonic conduct against one residing within its jurisdiction, but who belongs to a lodge without the state.

5. A lodge may accord masonic burial to one under suspension for non-payment of dues.

In 1906 a committee was appointed to investigate and report on the status of Masonry in the Philippine Islands. This committee spent much time and labor in acquiring information and found that in the Philippine Islands there are three lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of California, eleven holding under the Grand Orient of Spain, but having a local governing body called the Regional Grand Lodge of the Philippines; two lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of France; and one lodge holding under the Grand Lodge of Scotland. On the recommendation of the committee, Grand Lodge resolved that the Grand Orient of Spain and lodges owing allegiance to it, are not entitled to recognition by the Grand Lodge of California; and that Masons owing allegiance to the Grand Lodge of California or to the subordinate lodges thereof, are forbidden to hold Masonic intercourse with any member, or lodge, or Regional Grand Lodge, owing allegiance to the Grand Orient of Spain.

The Grand Orient of Italy, having requested fraternal recognition, the Committee on Correspondence reported that "absence of proof that that country is organized under the jurisdiction of symbolic lodges prevents recognition at this time"; which report was concurred in by Grand Lodge.

A silver service was presented to the retiring Grand Master.

The foreign correspondence is conducted by M. W. Bro. Edward H. Hart, whose work is ably and conscientiously done. His summary of Grand Lodge Proceedings and comments thereon extend through 180 pages, and there is very little in all those pages that is not of interest to the general Masonic reader.

His report is, perhaps, the most valuable of those which reach us, in showing the actual position of all Grand Lodges.

Lodges, 30; members, 43,000.

W. Pierce, San Francisco, Grand Master.

John Whicher, San Francisco, Grand Secretary.

CHILI

The Grand Lodge of Chili opened its forty-seventh Annual Communication at Santiago, May 30, 1909. Victor Guillermo Ewing, Grand Master.

The Official Bulletin, which is printed in Spanish, has the further disadvantage of giving little of the information which other Grand Lodges give, and we are compelled to rely almost wholly upon the address of the Grand Master, which is translated into English.

Since the last report, an exchange of representatives has been made with the Grand Lodges of Arkansas, Cuba, Louisiana, Valle de Mexico, and Roumania, and the Grand Orients of Brazil and Paraguay.

Apparently the officials of the Grand Lodge have not been sufficiently careful to examine the regularity of bodies seeking fraternal relations with them, for they got into touch with some irregular body in the District of Columbia, and were forced to abandon it.

Also, the Saint John Grand Lodge of Massachusetts had asked for recognition, but the Grand Master says that "action in this matter has been deferred until further information is at hand."

Assistance was sent Italy to the amount of $500.

During the year the initiations numbered 51, and affiliations 17. The net increase in membership was 68. The total number of members is not given. There are fifteen lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of Chili; and there are fourteen lodges in the country holding warrants from Grand bodies in other countries. With these the Grand Lodge of Chili maintains fraternal relations.

Victor Guillermo Ewing (Santiago), Grand Master.

Luis A. Navarrete y Lopez, (Santiago), Grand Secretary.

COLORADO

The forty-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Colorado opened at Denver September 21, 1909. John B. Hafly, Grand Master.

Lodges represented, 116; unrepresented 1.

The Grand Master reported that harmony prevails within the jurisdiction, that fraternal relations with foreign Grand Lodges are cordial, and that the lodges in the state are prosperous. He says Masonry has attained a high position in our State. The affairs of the Grand Lodge have heretofore been ably administered and the Grand Lodge of Colorado holds an enviable position in the Masonic world.

He had granted dispensations for the formation of two new lodges.

He had made no new ruling or decision on legal points; and makes the complaint so frequently made that he has been required to answer numerous queries on points "covered by decisions already rendered or plainly set out in our laws."

During the year he visited thirty-nine lodges.

No less than nineteen requests were made through the Grand Master from lodges in other jurisdictions to have degrees conferred upon candidates temporarily sojourning in Colorado; and fourteen from Colorado lodges to have degrees conferred in other jurisdictions.

The fact that Colorado is a health resort causes expense to the local lodges. Consumptives go to the state in search of health, fail to find it, and ask for assistance. In many cases they die and are buried at the expense of the nearest lodge. In a few cases the home lodge of the brother so aided or so buried declines to repay the money. This is to be regretted.

The foreign correspondence is in the able hands of M. W. Bro. Lawrence N. Greenleaf, whose aim has been to tell what has been done in the Masonic world, rather than to criticize and comment. Yet his remarks are always interesting and instructive. German Masons take exception to the action of most, if not all of the Grand bodies in the United States, because the latter do not follow the German practice of admitting duly accredited visitors even though objection be made to their presence by members of the local lodges. At a meeting of the United Grand Lodge of

Germany, held at Bayreuth, June 7, 1908, it was resolved that "the United Grand Lodges deem it important that German brethren, who identify themselves as such, shall be granted admission to all American lodges in the same manner accorded American brethren in Germany." And a prominent German brother, writing unofficially says:

As long as your M. W. Grand Lodge does not change the paragraph in the Constitution (Page 87, Sec. 11) concerning Visiting Brethren, it is a foregone conclusion that recognition will be denied by the United Grand Lodges in Germany. For it is only fair to our German Brethren visiting American Lodges to insist upon the same recognition accorded American Brethren visiting Lodges in Germany.

To which Bro. Greenleaf makes this reply:

It will be seen from the above that our German Brethren have set up "a man of straw," for there is not an American Grand Lodge with which the United Grand Lodges of Germany are in fraternal intercourse, that has not precisely the same law in force, whether expressed in their Constitution or not. In fact, it is regarded as an unalterable landmark of the Fraternity, and it is expressly stated in all compilations of Masonic law, that a visiting brother cannot unseat a member of a Lodge.

There is not the slightest inclination on the part of any American Lodge to discriminate against our German brethren. The law applies equally to all, and when this matter is fully understood there should be no further difficulty in the way of establishing cordial and fraternal relations. It would not comport with the dignity of a Sovereign Grand Lodge, and would be extremely belittling in character, to expunge from its constitution what is regarded as a universal law so far as American Grand Lodges are concerned. As the Grand Lodge of Illinois, as we understand, is now engaged in endeavoring to make this matter plain to the comprehension of our German brethren, we think we should await the result of its efforts in this direction before this Grand Lodge takes any further steps in the matter.

Which seems to be based on sound common sense. If an Illinois lodge for example, may refuse entrance to a member of another Illinois lodge, whose presence is objected to by a member of the lodge, surely it cannot be expected that another rule should be made in case of a brother from another grand jurisdiction; and in all cases the Master of the lodge should be the final judge as to whom he will admit and whom he will not admit as a visitor.

Lodges, 117; members, 13,546; gain 596.

George W. Musser, (Colorado Springs), Grand Master.

Charles H. Jacobson, (Denver), Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT

The one hundred and twenty-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut was opened at Hartford, January 19, 1910. Weston G. Granniss, Grand Master.

All the lodges in the state, 110 in number, were represented.

In his address the Grand Master spoke of harmony within the jurisdiction, friendship with all other jurisdictions, and prosperity in the lodges. The membership had made material increase, and the quality of the material received was of a high order. He reported the death of James Lewis Gould and Henry Orange Warner, both Past Grand Masters. Bro. Gould was the senior Past Grand Master, having held that high office in 1871.

Bro. Granniss visited Cincinnati to witness the ceremony of making Mr. Taft a "Mason at sight," and he apparently approves of the act. He also attended the convention of Grand Masters at Philadelphia, in June, 1909, to consider matters of general interest to the craft; and that also met with his unqualified approval.

Among his recommendations was one that when a man has been a member of a clandestine body, and afterwards makes application to a lodge of Master Masons for admission, he be required to take an oath of renunciation.

As documentary evidence is required in some jurisdictions from visitors, he recommends the issuance of a card by the Grand Secretary which will serve as a certificate of the regularity of the lodge and the standing of the brother holding it.

He reported that about one hundred persons are now sheltered in the Masonic Home, and that the affairs of the home "are carefully looked after by a most capable board of managers."

He thinks the order of the Eastern Star to be "a most worthy adjunct to our Connecticut Masonry."

The Grand Secretary reports receipts amounting to $17,295, of which $13,066 was applied to support of the Masonic Home.

The Finance Committee recommended the payment to Grand Lodge by subordinate lodges of $1.25 for each member, of which 90 cents should go to the Masonic Charity Fund, and 35 cents for defraying the expenses of Grand Lodge; also $5 for each Initiation and each affiliation of a brother from a sister jurisdiction, the whole sum to go to the Charity Fund. The report was adopted.

M. W. Brother Frank W. Havens is chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence. His report is a full and interesting resume of the proceedings of the various grand bodies throughout the world. We may be permitted to remind him that the title of the grand body in this jurisdiction is "The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario." He courteously dissents from the view of the last Grand Master here that the order of the Eastern Star is a non-Masonic body which must be denied the use of Masonic lodge rooms and asks, "if it (the order of the Eastern Star) is not founded upon Masonic principles, and did not have its rise in craft Masonry, where then did it come from?" To which we may reply by another question: If the order of the Eastern Star was formed by Masons and includes the esoteric teachings of Masonry, how came women to be admitted? If it was formed by women, how came they to have any knowledge of Masonry?

Lodges, 110; members, 22,586; gain of 643.

Fred. A. Verplanck, (South Manchester), Grand Master.

Frank W. Havens, (Hartford), Grand Secretary.

CUBA.

The Fiftieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Cuba was opened at Havana March 28th, 1909, Calixto Fajardo, Grand Master. Fifty lodges were represented. Several quarterly meetings had been previously held, at which routine business was transacted.

Eleven Past Grand Masters were present, and twenty-eight representatives of foreign Grand Lodges were presented and received.

In his address the Grand Master referred to the trials through which Masonry had passed, but not the order seemed to be to commence a new journey, and all seemed bright to its members as citizens of a free country and as members of the great Masonic fraternity.

He declared himself not in favor of increasing the number of lodges in cities. During the year one new lodge had been formed in Havana, but a considerable number of lodges which had been inactive had been resuscitated, while three had ceased to labor.

Steps had been taken to build a Masonic Temple in the city of Havana.

He recommended the creation of a Masonic benefit society, of a Masonic library, and of an institution for instruction and amusement.

He lamented the lack of proficiency among officers of lodges, and insisted upon more careful study of the work and greater accuracy.

He was glad to know that the Grand Lodge of Cuba had established fraternal relations with other Grand lodges throughout the world.

A sum of 2500 francs had been sent to Italy to aid in relieving distress caused by the earthquake in Sicily and Calabria.

Lodges 62; members 2714; an increase of 135.

Calixto Fajardo, (Havana), Grand Master.

Carlos G. Charles, (Havana), Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE

The one-hundred-and-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Delaware was opened at Wilmington October 6, 1909, Henry I. Beers, Grand Master.

In his address the Grand Master advocated more intimate relationship among the Grand Lodges of the United States by means of national conferences. Let Delaware, he said, be found in the front ranks, striving for this desirable end.

A member who had been expelled from a Delaware lodge applied to that lodge for reinstatement, but no form of petition could be found. The Grand Master adapted one from another jurisdiction, and recommended its adoption for future cases.

During the year the Grand Master had visited each subordinate lodge in the jurisdiction.

He had enquired as to claims to jurisdiction made in the several states over rejected material, and found that in eight states claim to jurisdiction was made only so long as the rejected petitioner remained a resident of the state. Nine claimed jurisdiction for five years; one for three years; twelve for one year; six for six months; and thirteen claim perpetual jurisdiction. That is, they claim the right to bar admission to the order of a rejected candidate forever, no matter to what country he may remove. He adds:

This subject was discussed at length by Grand Masters assembled in Philadelphia last June, and it was unanimously agreed to recommend a term of five years jurisdiction over rejected material, from the date of rejection, the applicant having left the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, and gained a bona-fide residence in another Jurisdiction.

Lodges 22; members 3049; a gain of 61.

Edward B. Mode, (Wilmington), Grand Master.

Virginius V. Harrison, (Wilmington), Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The ninety-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia was opened at Washington, December 15, 1909. Henry K. Simpson, Grand Master. Lodges represented, 28; unrepresented 0.

During the year three "stated" and three special meetings had been held.

In his address the Grand Master announced the death of Jose M. Yznaga and David G. Dixon, Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

The Grand Master gave several decisions, only one of which is of general interest A lodge enquired whether or not it could under Masonic law or custom apply to the proper civil authority for legal incorporation, as it was desirable that the hall in which it met should be held by the lodge direct and not by trustees for the lodge. The answer was in the negative for the following reasons: 1. If the lodge were incorporated, its property would, in the event of the lodge be-

coming insolvent, be subject to such disposition as might be ordered by a court for the benefit of its stockholders and creditors. 2. It would be in the power of a court, upon the petition of any disatisfied member, to order the production of the books of the lodge, and thus make public records of proceedings which are not intended to be thrown wide open to the inspection of the profane in general. 3. Each lodge is under the control of Grand Lodge, and its existence may be terminated by that body. If it were incorporated its existence could be terminated only by a civil court; and conflict between Grand Lodge and the courts might arise. 4. There is no reason why this particular lodge cannot have its property held by trustees, as other lodges do. 5. Grand Lodge had already declared it to be against the unwritten law of the jurisdiction for any lodge to incorporate.

The Grand Lodge of Chili having, through ignorance of facts, entered into relations with a clandestine body, a former Grand Master of the district of Columbia had suspended intercourse with Chili. The latter body had discovered its error, had expressed sorrow for the act, and had taken steps to put itself in the right. The Grand Master, therefore, decided to resume fraternal intercourse.

The Deputy Grand Master had, in the unavoidable absence of M. W. Brother Simpson, represented him at the conference of Grand Masters held at Philadelphia in 1909. Bro. Simpson was present at the ceremony of making President Taft a "Mason at sight," and approved of it.

During the year the Masonic Temple at Washington was taken over by the Grand Lodge from the company which built and owned it. The property is valued at about $600,000.

The foreign correspondence is in the able and judicious hands of M. W. Bro. G. W. Baird, whose reports are comprehensive and whose opinions are always valuable. He pays a deserved compliment to the former chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence in this jurisdiction, M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson.

Lodges, 28; members 8,948, an increase of 208.

George C. Ober, of Washington, Grand Master.

Arthur W. Johnston, of Washington, Grand Secretary.

ENGLAND

A quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of England was held at Freemasons' Hall, London, March 3, 1909. The Pro Grand Master, Lord Ampthill, on the throne.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught was re-elected Grand Master, and Sir William Lancaster Grand Treasurer.

A grant of £1,000 was voted to the Mansion House fund for the relief of distress caused by the earthquake in Sicily.

Masonic benevolence was granted to Masons and widows of Masons in England to the amount of £3,910.

The Board of General Purposes reported that it had let the contract for remodelling the property of the Grand Lodge known as Freemasons' Tavern, at an estimated cost of £30,000.

A motion to remunerate the Grand Registrar for his services was lost.

At a quarterly communication held April 28, 1909, the Pro Grand Master called attention to the feeling which existed in some quarters to make changes in the constitution of Grand Lodge. He did not say in what the proposed changes consisted; and he said that until a full expression of the views of the brethren could be had it would not be with his consent that any change should be made. No action was taken.

A sum of £500 was given to the jubilee fund of the National Hospital for the paralyzed and epileptic, as a tribute to the memory of the late brother, His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany.

At a quarterly communication held June 2, 1909, the Board of General Purposes reported that:

With the view of giving practical effect to the resolutions of Grand Lodge passed at the Quarterly Communication on the 1st June, 1893, that the Worshipful Masters of all London lodges

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der the Grand Lodge of England, be directed not to admit to their meetings any foreign brother or visitor unless

Firstly, He is duly vouched for, or unless his certificate shows that he has been initiated according to the ancient rites and ceremonies in a lodge professing belief in G. A. O. T. U. and

Secondly, Not unless he himself shall acknowledge that this belief is essential landmark of the Order.

The Colonial and Foreign Committee has published in connection with a large number of foreign Grand Lodges for the purpose of eliciting information as to what restriction, if any, should be placed on Lodges, under the Grand Lodge of England in regard to inter-visitation.

The Board has reported that in its opinion intervisitation could be restricted to Lodges under Sovereign Grand Bodies only with which the Grand Lodge of England is in fraternal amity. A list of such Grand Lodges will be found in the next and subsequent issues of the Masonic Year Book, 1814; unrepresented, 7.

A quarterly meeting was held September 1, 1909; but no business of general interest was transacted.

At a quarterly meeting held December 1, 1909, the Duke of Connaught was nominated for the office of Grand Master. Benevolent grants to the amount of £4,020 were reported.

An announcement was made that the reconstructed Freemasons' Tavern was approaching completion. The name hereafter will be The Connaught Rooms, Freemasons' Hall. The banqueting hall will seat 800 diners. The rent will begin at £550 and gradually increase until a maximum of £3,050 is reached.

A quarterly communication was held March 2, 1910.

A grant of £30 was made to aid of sufferers by the floods in Paris.

The Duke of Connaught was unanimously re-elected Grand Master.

Benevolent grants were made to the amount of £4,390.

The newly consolidated Grand Lodge of Oddfellows, which recognized, even recently, to another state,

The Grand Registrar moved that the Grand Orient of Paraguay be recognized. He said:

A Brother has introduced into Paraguay about 40 years ago, and in 1892 the Grand Orient was founded, but subject to another Body (not recognized by this Grand Lodge) and it could not, then be described as Sovereign and Independ-

ent." In 1906, however, by agreement it became the independent Craft authority for the Republic; and the objection which formerly prevailed was thus swept away. All lodges in Paraguay appear to be under its jurisdiction, and recognition has been accorded by a great number of Grand Bodies in America and some in Europe. With regard to the requirements of our Grand Lodge as to belief in God, etc., they are fully accepted in Paraguay, and, so far as can be judged, they are acted upon, while the working is in accordance with what is recognized here."

FLORIDA

The eighty-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Florida was opened at Jacksonville January 18, 1910. Louis C. Massey, Grand Master.

Lodges represented, 184; unrepresented, 7.

Four special meetings had been held during the year—one to dedicate a Masonic temple, and three to lay corner stones.

In his address the Grand Master spoke of a fair degree of prosperity throughout the jurisdiction, and of absolute harmony in the lodges. "But one complaint," he said, "has reached me in the past year, and that concerning a subject wholly within the discretion of the lodge."

Fourteen lodges for which charters were granted at the previous meeting of Grand lodge were consecrated during the year; and nine dispensations were issued for the formation of new lodges.

Bro. Massey approves of conferences of Grand Masters, and thinks good will result from them.

Among his numerous decisions, the following are of general interest:

1. The ballot must be spread upon a petition though the report of the committee be unfavorable.

2. There can be no waiver of jurisdiction by a lodge over a profane who has permanently removed, even recently, to another state. The jurisdiction ceases immediately upon a removal intended to be permanent.

3. A brother, against whom no charges are pending or threatened, and who is clear on the lodge books, has a right to a dimit, which cannot be withheld because he refuses to give a reason for taking it.

4. A brother is guilty of unmasonic conduct in placing on his shop window the emblem of the square and compass, evidently for the purpose of attracting trade.

M. W. Bro. Silas B. Wright is chairman of the committtee on Foreign Correspondence. The work of the committee is ably and judiciously done. It reported against recognition of the Grand Lodge of Roumania, the Grand Orient of Lusitania, and the Grand Orient of San Salvador, "these organizations not being independent sovereign Grand Lodges." It also reaffirmed an adverse opinion of the Grand Lodge of Greece. It recommended that the action of the Grand Master in recognizing and exchanging representatives with the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma be approved. All of which was adopted by Grand Lodge.

Bro. Wright is not carried off his feet by the action of the Grand Master of Mississippi in breaking off fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of New Jersey because a lodge in the latter purisdiction has some negro members. He says:

> This radical action is being watched with considerable curiosity by many Grand Jurisdictions, and the writer is wondering if the Grand Lodge of Mississippi will extend the interdict so as to include England. That Grand Lodge issues charters to lodges of negroes in many of their numerous colonies.

He is also strongly in favor of requiring documentary evidence from visitors. On this point he says:

> So many of the Grand Lodges have adopted regulations requiring that visitors shall not only pass satisfactory examination, but, as a prerequisite to such examination, shall present a lodge certificate or receipt for dues, bearing the lodge seal, together with the certificate of the Grand Secretary, that it is necessary that all Grand Lodges arrange to provide such cards or certificates for their members in order to enable them to visit when away from home.

Lodges, 191; members, 9,083; an increase of 475.

Louis C. Massey, (Orlando), Grand Master.

Wilber P. Webster, (Jacksonville), Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA

The one hundred and twenty-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Georgia was opened at Macon October 26, 1909. Thomas H. Jeffries, Grand Master.

Lodges represented, etc.

The Grand Master addressed the meeting with some beautiful and valuable thoughts. He said:

Masonry is the friend and co-adjutor of all that is good; a promoter, not a destroyer of peace; a maker not a disturber. The hand of Masonry is clasped with the hand of every man who would uplift humanity, who would honor God and bring blessings to mankind. Our ancient craft sprang from an association of working men, who were obliged to work diligently, live creditably and agreeably with their neighbors, and maintain and improve their knowledge. As the purpose of the builders of old was to benefit mankind in providing shelter and protection from the vicissitudes of seasons, so the purpose of our Science is to shield and protect men from the evil forces that beset them from within and without. As toil and industry occupied with intelligence characterized their labors, so diligence, assiduity, and intelligence must characterize our efforts in the noble and glorious work in which we are engaged. Masonry is a "Spirit that lives throughout, vital in every part." It must work or die.

Bro. Wright is not carried off his feet

During the year seventeen Lodges were consecrated, and dispensations were issued for the formation of seventeen new lodges, so that there is evidence of more than ordinary progress in the state.

Bro. Jeffries objected to the issuing of dispensations to confer degrees "out of time"—that is, in less than the time prescribed by the constitution, and he recommended a resolution of Grand Lodge forbidding the granting of such dispensations except for the most urgent and imperative reason, and absolutely forbidding the conferring of more than one degree upon a candidate at the same meeting. This is undoubtedly right. Candidates should be required to become proficient in the degree before being advanced to another.

The financial affairs of Grand Lodge are in good shape, and the year's business permitted the carrying of $7,000 to the permanent fund.

The Masonic home met with words of praise. It had, said Bro. Jeffries, been taxed during the year to its full capacity. From the report of the trustees we learn that during the year the average number of inmates was 34, and the average cost of maintenance was $171.14.

The Grand Secretary reported receipts of $20,739.75.

The recommendations of the Grand Master respecting undue advancement of candidates were made law by the passage of a formal resolution.

The Foreign Correspondence is in the able hands of Bro. A. Q. Moody. We are not able to tell the rank of Bro. Moody, and must fall back upon Burns' lines, and say that

> "The rank is but the guinea stamp,
> The man's the gowd for a' that.

In a special report Bro. Moody recommended that recognition of the Grand Lodge of San Salvador be indefinitely postponed.

Dr. J. H. Wallfisch, of Tilsit, had volunteered to act as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Georgia before the eight German Grand Lodges. He would charge no salary, but would expect that his expenses be paid. The Committee recommended that the proposal be declined.

Both recommendations were adopted.

The general correspondence is judiciously handled, and Bro. Moody's remarks, though not voluminous, are always of value.

Lodges 579; members 32,708, a gain of 2,652.

Henry Banks, (La Grange), Grand Master.

W. A. Wolihin, (Macon), Grand Secretary.

IDAHO

The forty-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Idaho was opened at Boise, September 14, 1909. William R. Hamilton, Grand Master.

Lodges represented 38; unrepresented 6.

The Grand Master reported that in Idaho Masonry is making rapid progress. Applications for new lodges were more numerous than ever before; but he had declined to grant dispensations in places which seemed too small to maintain strong and effective lodges.

One of Bro. Hamilton's statements has a strange appearance. He says:

> "While Ohio has made Masons at sight, Idaho has not been left so far in the rear. My attention has been called to a case in which—so I am informed—only some days elapsed between the time of conferring the Fellow-Craft degree and becoming a Shriner. In the slang of the day, this is "going some."

The question that suggests itself at this point is this: What time elapsed between the passing and the raising of this brother in the craft lodge? Or, did he become a Shriner while still a Fellowcraft?

The Grand Master deplores the fact that there is not uniformity in the work throughout the jurisdiction. Affiliated Masters from other states introduce lectures and parts of work as they have learned them, but which are not authorized in Idaho. "There is no question," says Bro. Hamilton, "that these selections are beautiful, but the point is that they are confusing new members and giving us just what we are trying to guard against, a conglomerate work." And that fact proves the wisdom of our Canadian law, which forbids the election to the Master's chair of any one who has not served as Warden in this jurisdiction. No man can be expected to be proficient in the approved work who has not been thoroughly drilled in it.

Among the decisions are the following:

1. A by-law providing that members in arrears shall not be allowed to vote was not approved.
2. A lodge has no right to postpone a ballot after the report of the investigating committee has been received.
3. One month must elapse between the reception of a petition and the balloting.
4. "Is a stockholder of a railroad selling liquor on their trains amenable to our liquor law?" Here the Grand Master balks, and asks Grand Lodge to define its law. He has been at a loss to define it to his own satisfaction, and thinks that "several brethren are amenable to this law, if we accept a literal translation of it."

Dispensations for two new lodges were issued.

The fraternal correspondence is conducted by Bro. Geo. E. Knepper, who gives an excellent report of doings in sister Grand Lodges. His personal remarks are few, but when indulged in are to the point and worthy of consideration. Referring to the fact that in this jurisdiction many dispensations are given to lodges to appear in Masonic clothing when attending divine service, Bro. Knepper says:

> It would seem, however, that since the brethren have acquired the church-going habit some general regulation might be made by Grand Lodge whereby under certain restrictions the Lodges might attend service in a body without special dispensation of the Grand Master.

And that suggestion is worth careful thought.
Lodges 44; members 2741; a gain of 146.
George F. Gagon, (Blackfoot), Grand Master.
Theophilus W. Randall, (Bois), Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS

The seventieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Illinois was opened at Chicago, Oct. 12, 1909. Alexander H. Bell, Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master is a good practical document, in which he attends strictly to business without many flights of oratory. Still, he has some figures of speech racy of the soil and breathing the unfettered thought of the free and independent West. For example: "We have no more use for a National Grand Lodge than a duck has for an umbrella." Again: "The ordinary surety company is merely a handsome desk in a handsome office, with a smooth-talking gentleman on one side of the desk and a sucker on the other."

The death of Past Grand Master Joseph Robins is recorded. For half a century Bro. Robins was a commanding figure in Illinois Masonry.

Bro. Bell thinks the Grand Master should be clothed with authority to issue a dispensation for the formation of a subordinate lodge in exceptional cases, even though the consent of the three nearest lodges be withheld. Such power is given in Canada.

He complains that he has been deluged with unnecessary letters, many of them asking questions which a reference to the constitution would answer, and many of them foolish in their nature. "Twas ever thus." Grand Masters have always had such letters and must expect to have them until the end of time.

He attended the conference of Grand Masters at Philadelphia, and thinks such conferences are calculated to do much good. Though a national Grand Lodge is undesirable and impracticable, it is possible to have at least an approximation to uniformity in work and practice, and this can be brought about by a free interchange of opinions.

He presented to Grand Lodge a return made by Western Star lodge, which met at Kaskaskia, in ter-

ritory now included in the state of Illinois, but which was then in what was called the Indian territory. Western Star lodge was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. A fac-simile of the report is given in the Illinois proceedings.

The Masonic Temple at Philadelphia impressed Bro. Bell, and he recommends the erection of a temple at Chicago by the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

The foreign correspondence is ably conducted by M. W. Bro. Edward Cook. Bro. Cook is exhaustive in research, acute in analysis and impartial in criticism. He fills 300 pages of the report, and every page is full of interest. Commenting upon a decision of the Grand Master in this jurisdiction he calls attention to the fact that "in Illinois a lodge has the same power to expel as to suspend a member," while in Canada Grand Lodge only can expel. Would it not be worth while for some of the older and abler correspondents and jurists to discuss that question? We have no desire to argue it now; and certainly shall not set up the claim that we think our Canadian practice is right because it is the Canadian practice, nor because it is inherited from the mother Grand Lodge. We incline to the belief that a private lodge should not be permitted to expel, because local feeling may enter into a lodge trial, and the proper safeguards to a fair trial may be omitted. Also it is but fair to say that when a man is made a Mason he belongs not only to the private lodge but to the whole craft, and his Masonic life should be in the custody of the High Court of Masonry. On the other hand it is also fair to urge that the power which makes a man a Mason should have the power to unmake him. But it is a long question, and one that is worthy of careful thought. But, after all, perhaps, no great harm will come from diversity of practice. Like many others, Bro. Cook disapproves of the Canadian law, which declares that "no brother is eligible to the office of Master of a lodge unless he shall have served for twelve months as Warden in a lodge in this jurisdiction." Nor does he think it right to place the ballot box on the altar for inspection by the brethren. He says "it is certainly a poor kind of a lodge in which the stationed officers cannot be trusted to tell the truth in regard to the ballot." We regret

to say that, right here "in this Canada of ours," there has been evidence that some officers were not to be trusted. Hence the law. And this reminds brother Cook of a "leetle antidote."

The ballot box had been passed in a negro lodge and the worshipful master asked, "How is the ballot in the south, Brother Junior Warden?" "Clar in the south, worshipful." "How is the ballot in the west, Brother Senior Warden?" "Clar in the west, worshipful." The W. M. then inspected the box and said, "And clar in the east. I, therefore, declar Mr. Josephus Johnson duly elected to take the degrees in this lodge." Up jumped a big coon, as black as the ace of spades, and cried, "That's a 'fernal lie, worshipful master. I put in four black balls myself."

Lodges, 770; members 95,629; increase 4,784.
Albert B. Ashley, (Decatur), Grand Master.
Isaac Cutter, (Chicago), Grand Secretary.

INDIANA

The eighty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana was opened at Indianapolis May 25, 1909. It was, however, the ninety-second year of the Grand Lodge. Charles N. Mikels, Grand Master.

On the previous day, May 24, the Grand Master had with imposing ceremonies, formally dedicated the new Masonic temple at Indianapolis. The building is one of the most beautiful and commodious buildings erected for Masonic purposes on the continent, and the brethren of Indiana are justly proud of it. The ceremony was one of general Masonic rejoicing, and the addresses delivered on the occasion were of more than ordinary ability and interest. The cost of the building was about $530,000.

Lodges represented at the annual communication, 534; unrepresented, none.

In his address, Grand Master Mikels was very proud of the progress which the craft had made in Indiana during the year; of the harmony which had prevailed; of the charity which had made itself felt; and especially of two great events which had marked the year's history. The first of these events was the celebration of the centennial of Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, on the 13th of March. Vincennes received its warrant from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky; and the ceremonies which celebrated its one hundredth birthday were elaborate.

Two Past Grand Masters died during the year: Martin H. Rice, who was Grand Master from 1868 to 1872, and Simeon S. Johnson, who was Grand Master from 1898 to 1899. At the time of his death, M. W. Bro. Rice was Grand Treasurer.

A number of decisions were given by the Grand Master, mainly of local interest only. The following is of general interest:

If an Indiana Lodge has not authorized an expenditure of money on a member of its Lodge who is in good standing, temporarily or permanently residing in some other Grand Jurisdiction, there is no legal Masonic obligation on the part of the Indiana Lodge to pay such unauthorized expenditure. An Indiana Lodge has no legal Masonic basis for presenting a bill to a Lodge of another Grand Jurisdiction for a similar unauthorized expenditure made in Indiana by an Indiana Lodge, for the benefit of a needy brother of another Grand Jurisdiction, who is temporarily or permanently within the jurisdiction of the Indiana Lodge. There is a basis in fairness on which to present the matter of the expenditure and the necessities of the case to the Lodge of the Mason assisted, in expectation that the Lodge of the beneficiary will appreciate the assistance rendered to its member, by contributing as much as they can reasonably toward the liquidation of the expenditure, without ground for criticism because of inability to pay the whole bill.

That seems to be a fair presentation of the case.

Bro. Mikels thinks the craft would benefit by the establishment of "a General Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the whole of the United States." Apparently he does not desire abandonment of State Grand Lodges, but delegation of certain rights and powers to a central body, just as the several states have delegated certain powers to congress, while retaining control over their local affairs. He says:

This General Grand Lodge can exercise some common sense in making the simpler things uniform at first, to which our hearts do not cling as an ivy does to an immovable stone wall for support. It could begin the unification of Masonry by making uniform customs, laws, edicts, questions of residence, forms of petitions, length of jurisdiction over rejected petitioners, none of which are so vital to the real perpetuity of any Grand Jurisdiction that they cannot yield something here and something there, until there is some legal bond of union between the Grand Jurisdictions of the United States. Whether this can succeed depends on the size of men's heads and hearts, and on their real devotion to Masonry instead of a Grand Jurisdiction.

M. W. Bro. Daniel McDonald is chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and it is evident that he is the right man in the right place. He

fills more than 200 pages with good matter.

Commenting upon a decision of the Grand Master of Masons in this jurisdiction, he cannot understand why, "if a lodge can try a brother who is under the sentence of non-payment of dues for a higher offence, one for which the penalty is expulsion, a lodge may not inflict that penalty, unless there is a constitutional or lawful reason why it should not." There is a constitutional reason. In this jurisdiction the Grand Lodge reserves to itself the power to expel, and also the power to restore an expelled member.

Lodges, 534; members, 52,515; a gain of 2,404.

William H. Marker, (Tipton), Grand Master.

Calvin W. Prather, (Indianapolis), Grand Secretary.

1910.

The eighty-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana was held at Indianapolis, May 24 and 25, 1910. R. W. Bro. William Ridley, Deputy Grand Master, presiding.

Lodges represented, 529; unrepresented, 3.

The Grand Secretary read a circular letter announcing the resignation of M. W. Bro. William H. Marker, the Grand Master.

The Deputy Grand Master said: "We have every reason to speak with pride of the splendid condition of the fraternity at this time, and the progress it has made in this jurisdiction in the year closing." He reported the death of M. W. Bro. Daniel Noyes. Dispensations were issued for the formation of four new lodges, and one lodge under dispensation was constituted and consecrated. Three new Masonic halls were dedicated; and nine corner stones were laid with Masonic ceremonies. One charter was surrendered.

M. W. Bro. Simeon P. Gillette having resigned his commission as representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, near the Grand Lodge of Indiana, R. W. Brother Elias J. Jacoby was, on the recommendation of the Grand Master of Indiana, commissioned to fill the vacant place.

The decisions given were mostly interpretations of local law. It was decided that a body of the Mystic Shrine could not be permitted to use a room conjointly with a Masonic lodge.

A widow living out of the jurisdiction of the lodge to which her deceased husband had belonged was assisted by another lodge, which billed the first lodge for the amount. It was decided that it was the duty of the mother lodge to reimburse the assisting lodge to the extent of its ability, but that the assisting lodge had no claim upon it, unless it had been requested or authorized to grant the relief. Bro. Ridley adds:

The intent of the opinion was that one lodge could not contract a debt for another lodge to pay without its authority and consent, that it was the duty of the lodge in whose jurisdiction the distressed might be to afford temporary relief at once and to notify the lodge interested of the conditions, believing it was the duty of the lodge where the husband formerly belonged, and to which he had paid dues and the fees, in a case of permanent and continuous relief, being required to do their part and to avoid conditions that might come up of switching widows, orphans or distressed from the jurisdiction of one lodge to another.

Bro. Daniel McDonald continues the Foreign Correspondence, and does it well. He cannot "see any harm" in permitting bodies of the Eastern Star to meet in Masonic lodge rooms. But if the doors of lodge rooms be opened to non-Masonic bodies at all, where is the line to be drawn?

Lodges, 536; members, 54,710; a net gain of 2,195.

William Ridley, Corydon, Grand Master.

Calvin W. Prather, Indianapolis, Grand Secretary.

IOWA

The sixty-sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa was opened at Davenport, June 1, 1909. P. J. Martin, Grand Master.

Eleven Past Grand Masters were in attendance, and 451 lodges were represented. The officers and members formed in line in front of their headquarters hotel and marched to an opera house, escorted by Cyrene Commandery Knights Templar, and accompanied by a brass band. At the opera house the mayor of Davenport received the brethren with an address of welcome, and representatives of the local lodges also warmly greeted the assembled brethren.

The Grand Master's address is a good business paper, dealing with actual and practical affairs, showing that he had carefully studied the condition of the craft throughout the jurisdiction.

Grand Lodge had decided to furnish each Mason in the jurisdiction with a membership or identification card, and the Grand Master is persuaded that the system will prove of value to the Grand Secretary, to the lodges and to the individual members. No less than 191 lodges own the buildings in which they meet, and Bro. Martin says that "nothing adds to the stability and prosperity of a lodge more than paying for a permanent home," and he hopes that every lodge in the state will try to get a building of its own. He thinks that each Master of a lodge should make a written report of his doings to the lodge at the close of his term of office. During his term of office, M. W. Bro. Martin visited no less than forty-six lodges in his jurisdiction.

The report of the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Newton R. Parvin, is a comprehensive and valuable document. There are in the state 587 lodges, with 41,075 members, an increase of 1,571 during the year, and the Grand Lodge receipts were almost $36,000.

The foreign correspondence is in the hands of R. W. Bro. Louis Block, and the report fills more than 200 pages with very interesting matter. Bro. Block approves of the Canadian method of declining to publish the names of those who receive benevolence from Grand Lodge funds. We really cannot see how any body could wish the names published. "Charity vaunteth not itself," and Masonic charity should, however feebly, imitate God's mercy, which "droppeth like the gentle rain from heaven upon the place beneath." He who gives relief to suffering humanity should neither humiliate the recipient nor vain gloriously parade his own goodness. It is to be regretted that Bro. Block does not approve of the custom among Canadian Masons of attending divine service in a body. There is much to be said in favor of the practice. If a brother is thereby encouraged to visit a church other than his own, and kneel at an unaccustomed shrine, his mind may be broadened, and his charity toward those who differ from him in belief, may be strengthened. The writer has accompanied his lodge to divine service at the houses of six different denominations in this city, and is not conscious of having met with any shock to his faith in any one of

them. Besides the collections on these occasions are added to the charity fund, and so the good is doubled.

Bro. Block falls into error in one particular. He says: "It seems that the Grand Lodge of Canada does not follow the practice of installing its elected Grand Officers. At least we are unable to find the record of any such installation in these proceedings." It is our custom to install the Grand Master and the elective officers of Grand Lodge. In the proceedings which Bro. Block had under review there is no account of the installation of the Grand Master, because that officer had been installed a year earlier, but there is an account of the investiture of all the newly-elected officers. In this jurisdiction the Grand Master alone is installed, because he is the only officer placed in the chair of King Solomon. Other officers are invested.

David W. Clements, (West Union), Grand Master.

Newton R. Parvin, (Cedar Rapids), Grand Secretary.

IRELAND

A stated Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ireland was held at Dublin on St. John's Day, Dec. 27, 1909. Sir James Creed Meredith, Deputy Grand Master, in the Grand East.

On this occasion the Deputy Grand Master delivered his annual address, which, with a financial statement, comprises all the information we have respecting the Craft in Ireland.

In opening, Sir James paid a tribute to the memory of Chief Justice Fitzgibbon, who was, in the opinion of Sir James, "the greatest Irishman of his day and generation."

Baron Fitzgibbon was the representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada near the Grand Lodge of Ireland; and it is gratifying to know that M. W. Bro. Macwatt has, on the recommendation of Grand Master the Duke of Abercorn, appointed the son of the late Chief Justice to fill the position of representative made vacant by his father's death.

From all parts of Ireland reports are highly satisfactory; the membership is growing in numbers; fin-

ances are in a good condition; and the charities of the Order are well maintained.

Outside of Ireland there are Provincial Grand Lodges in New Zealand and South Africa, and from these also the reports are satisfactory. One event in South Africa gave the Deputy Grand Master great pleasure. He said:

> We all remember the terrible state of things that prevailed in that part of the world after the Boer War. At that time a prominent Brother under the Irish Constitution, one whom I had myself the pleasure of meeting upon more than one occasion, when he visited this country in the happier days of South Africa, was called away by death. He left two young sons. At that time Irish Masonry was, of course, greatly disorganized, but when things began to get a little right our brethren of the Irish Constitution looked around and wanted to know what had become of the sons of the brother who had died. What do you think they found? Cape Colony, you know, was not upset in the same way as other portions of South Africa were at the time of the war. Cape Colony had a Masonic Education Fund, subscribed to by the English, by the Scotch, and by the Netherlands Constitutions, and when our Irish brethren went to enquire about the orphan boys of their lamented brother, they found that this Education Fund, governed by representatives of the other three Constitutions working in South Africa, had taken charge of these boys, and was providing for their education as well as could be done. I need not tell you that the first thing the Irish Masons did was to join in with the English and Scotch and Dutch Brethren in the support of that Education Fund in Cape Colony.

Eleven new warrants were issued during the year.

The receipts for the year were £5,008, 15s., 9d.; and the expenditure £4,043, 1s., 1d., of which £838, 16s. was paid to the charity fund.

Very little information of general interest is given. There are about 800 Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, but we cannot even guess at the number of their members.

The Duke of Abercorn is Grand Master, and Sir James Creed Meredith Deputy Grand Master. Lord Casletown is Grand Secretary, and Henry E. Flavelle, Freemason's Hall, Molesworth Street, Dublin, is the Deputy Grand Secretary—that is, the brother who does the work.

KANSAS.

The fifty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kansas was opened at Hutchinson, February 16, 1910. Fred Washbon, Grand Master.

Lodges represented, 300; unrepresented, 88.

The Grand Master's address is strictly a business report, and a good and able report. At the previous meeting of Grand Lodge warrants were authorized for ten new lodges then under dispensation; and during the year all were constituted and consecrated. Two dispensations for new lodges were issued.

Evidently Brother Washbon was determined to safeguard the landmarks of the order, for he denied all applications to receive and ballot on petitions for initiation without regard to time. He doubts if any reason can justify "the curtailings of the safeguards wisely thrown around the selective process of electing members of the craft." He also refused to sanction the action of a lodge which had raised six candidates in undue time so as to enable them to petition for and receive degrees of the Scottish Rite at an approaching meeting of the Consistory. He had always "entertained strong and fixed opinions as to the propriety of hustling new-made Master Masons into so-called higher or co-ordinate bodies of Masonry"; and that "it is derogatory to the dignity of symbolic Masonry to make or attempt to make of it a stepping stone" to other bodies. In all of which Brother Washbon will have the approval of thoughtful Masons of whatever body.

The Grand Master says that "the experience of another year has but added its weight of cumulative evidence of the value of the system" of District Deputy Grand Masters: but he adds that "the difficulty lies in finding brethren for the positions who are able and willing to make the personal sacrifice of time and energy necesary to perform the duties in such a manner as to reach the highest limit of accomplishment."

The Masonic Home cared for 79 inmates. The cost was $12,761.59, or $161.54 for each inmate.

M. W. Bro. Matthew M. Miller is chairman of the committee on Foreign Correspondence. His excellent report fills 154 pages.

He says that "Grand Master Freed is 'formerly of Kansas.'" We had not heard of that before: but since Bro. Miller says it's so, it's so whether it's so or not.

He thinks the position of the Grand Lodge of Canada in refusing to recognize the order of the Eastern Star is not sound, and says: "Only a question of time, brethren, until you come to it." Well, it is to be hoped that Brother Miller will live until Canada "comes to it."

Lodges, 390; members 33,657; an increase of 1,585.

Marion K. Brundage, (Russell), Grand Master.
Albert K. Wilson, (Topeka), Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY

The one hundred and ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky was opened at Louisville, Oct. 19, 1909. Virgil P. Smith, Grand Master. Eighteen Past Grand Masters were present.

Lodges represented, 531; unrepresented, 16.

In his opening remarks the Grand Master was able to report a satisfactory condition of things in the jurisdiction. He said: "Our growth has been steady, peace has prevailed, harmony has been the watchword, strength the result."

He reported the death of M. W. Bro. Thos. Todd, the oldest Past Grand Master in the jurisdiction, who was nearly 89 years old at the time of his death. He was initiated in 1842, was Master of his lodge in 1846, had attended every meeting of Grand Lodge from that year until 1908, and was Grand Master in 1853.

Among the rulings made by the Grand Master were the following:

1. After the result of a ballot declaring a candidate rejected, a motion to reconsider is not in order, and the result of such motion thus put and carried is void and the action illegal.

2. The Master or any subordinate officer of any lodge can legally be elected by the depositing or casting of one ballot, upon motion made and carried to that effect.

3. Under the new Constitution the Past Master's degree is not necessary to the installation of the Master, and the degree of Past Master need not hereafter be conferred on the Master-elect.

4. If the Master of a lodge refuses to attend at any regular meeting and install the officers, then the Senior Warden, and in his absence the Junior Warden, can open the lodge and install the officers. If none of these are present, the junior Past Master present can and should preside and perform the duties of Master.

In this jurisdiction a Master-elect must receive the degree of Installed Master before he can be placed in the chair of King Solomon; and the retiring Master is

formally invested with the collar and jewel of a Past Master, his rank as such being his right in consequence of having served for one year as Master of a warranted lodge. We cannot understand how a brother who has not filled the Master's chair can properly install another. How can the subordinate install his superior officer?

Dispensations were granted during the year for the formation of fifteen new lodges

The Grand Master ordered the Masonic Home Journal to be sent to every affiliated Mason in Kentucky, payment being made by Grand Lodge.

The craft in Kentucky maintains two homes—one widows' and orphans' home, the other an old Masons' home. The former has for revenue the income derived from an endowment fund of $315,000; but apparently this is insufficient, for the Grand Master recommended that deficits be made good by Grand Lodge. For the proper maintenance of the Old Masons' Home, he recommended an annual assessment of twenty-five cents upon each member of the craft in the jurisdiction.

The foreign correspondence is conducted by M. W. Bro. W. W. Clarke, who does his work with great ability.

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky provides by law that a brother who has not served as Warden within the jurisdiction is not eligible to the Master's chair. Bro. Clarke does not approve of tnis. If he will look carefully into the matter, he will probably change his mind.

In his concluding remarks he says:

We recur to a matter suggested in our report of last year, and occasionally alluded to throughout the present report: Those who have thought most deeply upon the subject deplore the character of legislation regrettably increasing, denying to subordinate lodges rights and prerogatives at one time freely conceded to them, and a little more remotely held to be inalienable. We note a disposition here and there not only to follow a rule, becoming all too common, to prescribe a rule for every act of the subordinate lodge, but even to go to the extent of prescribing their by-laws. Where is this to stop? When every vestige of power and right shall have been taken from the subordinate lodges, and all power centralized in the Grand Lodge? Unless a halt is soon called this will result, and but little further need be gone when it will be accomplished.

We seriously recommend the incorporation in all Grand Lodge Constitutions of a Bill of Rights; and the sooner it be done, in our opinion, the better.

It is a little strange that among the "fierce democracie" of the United States there is more assumption of authority and more arbitrary conduct by rulers in the craft than in any other country. But this is the fault of the lodges themselves and of the officers of the lodges. The Grand Lodge is composed of the representatives of the subordinate lodges, and the Grand body is just what its constituent members make it. There is something inconsistent in John Smith, the Master of the Keystone lodge, make complaint to his lodge of the tyrannous act of John Smith, as a member of Grand Lodge. Surely the aggregated Masters sitting in Grand Lodge do not want to invade the rights which they as individual Masters wish to preserve for the protection of their lodges. And if the Masters of lodges are faithless to their trust, the members should elect Masters who will not be faithless. All power is finally vested in the members of the lodges.

Lodges 547; members, 33,872; a gain of 1,315.

John H. Cowles, (Louisville), Grand Master.

H. B. Grant, (Louisville), Grand Secretary.

MAINE

The ninetieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine was opened at Portland, May 4, 1909. Edmund B. Mallett, Grand Master.

Lodges represented, 188; unrepresented, 13.

Permanent members of Grand Lodge are the Past Grand Masters and Past Grand Wardens. Those present numbered 42, and the Grand Lodge officers numbered 43. Fifty representatives of other Grand Lodges were in attendance.

The officers of a private lodge exemplified a degree before Grand Lodge.

Histories of private lodges are sent to the Grand Secretary, and are kept among the Grand Lodge records. These histories are brought up to date each ten years. This practice of collecting and preserving the histories of private lodges is worthy of imitation. The history of Masonry is largely founded on the history

of private lodges; and they are much more likely to be preserved in the vaults of the Grand body than among the papers of a private lodge. The old records cannot be too carefully preserved. And even the trivial records of to-day will in time be old records and valued as such.

The address of Grand Master Mallett and all the reports are short business-like papers. They speak of fair progress and unbroken harmony.

Lodges, 121; members, 27,864; a gain of 508.

Edmund B. Mallett, Grand Master.

Stepnen Berry, (Portland), Grand Secretary.

MANITOBA

The thirty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was opened at Winnipeg June 9, 1909. Henry J. Pugh, Grand Master.

Eleven Past Grand Masters were present.

Lodges represented, 60; unrepresented 2.

The Grand Master reported the craft to be prosperous and harmonious. "I believe it is not exceeding the truth," he said, "to say that Freemasonry was never more flourishing in this jurisdiction than at the present time."

He reported the death of M. W. Bro. Thomas Robinson who was Grand Master in 1897. Bro. Robinson's record is given thus. "There was no more faithful or active member of this Grand Lodge than M. W. Bro. Robinson, for his zeal and industry knew no limit, and he labored well and earnestly for the good and welfare of the order, sparing neither time nor trouble in the cause."

The Grand Master declined to grant a dispensation permitting Masonic clothing to be worn at a ball. He recommends (as M. W. Bro. C. N. Bell had formerly done), that Grand Lodge should declare its will regarding requests of this nature, as it had been urged that in other jurisdictions such requests were commonly granted. But though the committee on the Grand Master's address reported in favor of such a pronouncement being made, no action was taken.

The Grand Master was not called upon for decisions except upon a few minor questions; and he reports that there was not a single case calling for disciplinary measures.

He made many visits, attended by "kindly reception, royal entertainment and hearty greetings."

During the year five new lodges were instituted. One of these, the Assiniboine Lodge, was formed, mainly through the efforts of M. W. Bro. John Leslie, to gather up and restore to active Masonry a large number of brethren from other jurisdictions who had settled in Winnipeg but who had not affiliated with any local lodge. Those who are so fortunate as to know Bro. Leslie will understand with what zeal and genuine delight he would undertake and carry through a task like that.

The report does not include any foreign correspondence, but a committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence was formed with M. W. Bro. C. N. Bell, as its chairman, and we may hope for something in the future

Lodges, 62; members, 4.554; a gain of 306.
James D. Bain, (Boissevain), Grand Master.
James A. Ovas, (Winnipeg), Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND.

A semi-annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Maryland was held at Baltimore, May 11, 1909. Thomas J. Shryock, Grand Master.

Reports of officers and committees were received and acted upon, and routine business was transacted.

On the 16th of November, 1909, a special communication was called for the purpose of re-dedicating the Masonic Temple at Baltimore, which had been destroyed in the great fire and was rebuilt. A very large number of Maryland brethren, and of distinguished Masons from other jurisdictions, attended the ceremonies, which were most impressively conducted by Grand Master Shryock and his officers. The address of the Grand Master was brilliant with gems of oratory; and R. W. Brother Edward T. Schull, P. S. G. W., contributed a valuable paper, giving a history of the Grand Lodge of Maryland. M. W. Brother George B. Orlady, Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, also delivered an address mainly historical. Until the formation of the Grand Lodge of Maryland in 1787, the lodges in that state were under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The one hundred and twenty-third Annual Communication was opened at Baltimore, November 16, 1909. Thomas J. Shryock, Grand Master.

M. W. Brother George B. Orlady, Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, and a large number of distinguished brethren of that state were among the visitors. The rank of Honorary Past Grand Master was conferred upon Brother Orlady.

Grand Master Shryock announced that every lodge in the state had made returns and was entitled to representation. He congratulated the brethren on the completion and dedication of the new temple; and also on the harmony and brotherly love which had prevailed throughout the jurisdiction during the year. "No note of discord," he added, "has been struck in our fraternal relations with a single grand lodge in the world." He must have had a happy time in his high office, for he was not called upon to give a single decision on any point of Masonic law. He attended the conference of Grand Masters at Philadelphia, and believes that such conferences will be productive of good. So much was he impressed with this idea that he called a second conference which met after the close of Grand lodge meeting.

The Foreign Correspondence is ably handled by R. W. Bro. Edward T. Schultz, chairman of the committee.

Lodges, 114; members 12,838; a gain of 528.

Thomas J. Shryock, (Baltimore,, Grand Master.

MASSACHUSETTS

At the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, held at Boston, March 11. 1908, recognition was refused to a Grand Lodge of Greece and a Grand Lodge of Argentina.

A resolution was adopted appointing a Historian of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The Committee on Legislation reported the substance of a bill which had been prepared and submitted to the state legislature, by members of the Masonic order and of other fraternal and secret societies, providing penalties for persons trading in degrees professing to be the same as, or similar to, those of existing bodies.

At the Quarterly Communication held June 10, 1908, business of only local interest was transacted.

At the Quarterly Communication held Sept. 9, 1908, M. W. Bro. Sereno D. Nickerson, Recording Grand Secretary, tendered his resignation. This was accepted; R. W. Bro. Thomas W. Davis was appointed Recording Grand Secretary in his stead, and Bro Nickerson was appointed Grand Lodge Historian.

Bro. Nickerson, however, was permitted to hold his new office but a short time, for on Nov. 6, 1908, he was called hence. He was initiated in 1857, and in the same year received the degrees of the Chapter, the Cryptic, Templar and Scottish Rite bodies. In 1871 he was crowned an honorary member of the Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction. In 1881 was elected Recording Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and was elected annually afterwards down to the year of his resignation. He was Grand Master 1872-1874, and was at the time of his death the oldest Past Grand Master in the state. He had attained to the ripe age of eighty-six years. His life was a life of service and of love.

At the Quarterly Communication held Dec. 9, 1908, R. W. Bro. Charles T. Gallagher presented the report of a committee appointed to consider a petition for recognition by the Grand Lodge of France. In this petition the officers of the Grand Lodge asserted that it had "rigorously preserved the ancient traditions of our order." The committee made careful search through the official documents of the Grand Lodge of France and procured all available information respecting it. It reported that nowhere in the constitution or other documents is to be found any reference to God, Deity, or the Holy Scriptures, either by word or initials. Any lodge desiring to recognize the G.A.O.T.U. was at liberty to do so; but even then an initiate might decline such recognition and still be received. In conclusion the committee said:

> We hail with delight the apparent awakening and secession of such a large number of French Masons from the un-Masonic traditions of the Grand Orient and hope that these men now in a minority in their new Grand Lodge will, by obtaining further light both in spirit and in numbers, be so far able to direct legislation in

their Grand Lodge, as to come within those principles of Free Masonry which we have been taught are agreeable to the laws of our ancient institution, and are exacted from Brethren as a prerequisite to their Masonic existence.

While your Committee hopes that at some future time conditions will be so established that a renewal of the application may be met with more favorable consideration, at present we recommend that the request of the petitioner be respectfully declined.

The report was unanimously adopted.

In his address, which is a strictly business document, the Grand Master dealt mainly with business of local interest. He decided not to have wine at the annual feast. It seemed to him that "the feast of St. John the evangelist could be observed more in harmony with the life and teaching of that apostle without wine than with it."

One Charles H. Writer, of Fitchburg, Mass., was charged in a criminal court with having fraudulently used "the name and common designation of the Masonic fraternity." He pleaded guilty on one of the counts and was fined.

A Brother having left to Grand Lodge for benevolent purposes, a sum of money, the authorities of the city of Boston levied a tax upon the amount. The money was paid under protest and suit brought for its recovery. Grand Lodge was successful but the case was appealed to the Supreme Court, which, at the time for the meeting, had not rendered its decision. Further, Grand Lodge has claimed exemption from taxation for all its personal estate, and so much of its real estate as is used for Masonic purposes. The matter, says the Grand Master, will undoubtedly go to the Supreme Court.

There is no report on foreign correspondence.

Lodges 241; members 54431.

Dana J. Flanders, (Malden), Grand Master.

Thomas W. Davis, (Boston), Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN

The sixty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Michigan was opened at Detroit, May 25th, 1909. Herbert Montague, Grand Master. Chartered lodges represented 398, unrepresented 5; lodges U.D. represented 7, unrepresented 2; total lodges 412.

The address of Grand Master Montague is a straight business paper, with little of the florid rhetoric so many eminent brethren think necessary to a report of this nature. For the Grand Master's address is a report. It is an accounting to Grand Lodge of his doings for the year, and mere word-painting has no more place in it than in the report of the Grand Treasurer. M. W. Bro. Montague says:

> I have attempted no great reforms, nor have I indulged in any pyrotechnical display of authority. I have taken the position of servant of the fraternity of Michigan, rather than that of august ruler of the craft.

And therein the Grand Master showed that he was guided by the true spirit of Masonry. Our craft is democratic, yet it is strange that in the country where democracy is the boast of all, a great many Masonic officials act as if they were autocrats. The more Grand Masters appreciate the fact that they are administrators of constitutional law and not despotic rulers the better will they serve the cause and promote the interests of Masonry. In another place Grand Master Montague said:

> My understanding of the duties of Grand Master is that he should not only be the friend and confidant of the Worshipful Masters of the constituent lodges, but that in his constructions of Masonic law and practice he should endeavor (so far as possible) to put himself in their places, remembering always that we are brothers, travelling upon the same level.

A Past Grand Master's jewel and Past Grand Master's apron were presented to M. W. Bro. Montague. It was a fitting recognition of merit. The presentation was made by W. Bro. I. Burton Gilbert and suitably acknowledged by Bro. Montague.

The foreign correspondence is in the able hands of M. W. Bro. Lou B. Winsor, the Grand Secretary. During the year Bro. Winsor was very near to death's door. The Grand Master says that for nearly two weeks his life hung in the balance. The most eminent physician in the state was summoned, a special train was chartered, and everything that money could command, that science could contribute, and that loving kindness could offer was brought to the aid of the sick man. These triumphed and the life of our brother was saved. Many thousands of Masons outside of Michigan will join their brethren of that state in rejoicing that it was so.

Notwithstanding his temporary withdrawal from active work, Bro. Winsor found time to write a most interesting report on the proceedings of foreign Grand Lodges covering 270 pages of printed matter. Of this work he says:

> Michigan is one of three Grand Jurisdictions which places the burden of writing the report on correspondence upon their Grand Secretary, and while we delight in this work, and spend many happy hours in reviewing the proceedings of our sister Grand Jurisdictions, we are convinced that this work could be rendered much more interesting and valuable to the readers if it were performed by some one who could make it a specialty.

It will be generally agreed that the Grand Secretary who attends to the affairs of the 412 lodges and 60,000 Masons in Michigan ought not to be asked to attend to the foreign correspondence as well; but any change here would be a distinct loss to the craft.

We note with satisfaction that the word "avocations" has been removed from one of the lectures in the Michigan work and the word "vocations" substituted. This is right; a man's vocation is his ordinary calling; avocation is a calling away or calling aside to some temporary occupation or business.

Grand Lodge adopted an amendment to the constitution permitting lodges to confer the first or second degree on more than five candidates in one day. We do not think the amendment to be wise. Five initations or passings make a pretty good evening's work, and if more be taken there is danger that the work will be hastily and ineffectively done, or that some parts will be omitted. It is better to have special meetings than to hurry or slight the work.

During the year the membership in the jurisdiction increased from 58,542 to 60,699, the net gain being 4,289. Receipts $31,638.79; expenditure $25,958.73, of which amount $11,701.20 was aid to the Masonic Home.

Arthur M. Hume, (Owosso), Grand Master.
Lou B. Winsor, (Reed City), Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA

The fifty-seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota was opened at St. Paul, January 19, 1910. Eugene E. Swan, Grand Master.

Lodges represented, 228; unrepresented, 23.

During the year three lodges were constituted and consecrated; and dispensations were issued for the formation of three new lodges.

A number of decisions were given, all merely explanatory of Masonic law.

Several schools of instruction were held with good results.

The Grand Master regretted that while some of the District Deputy Grand Masters had "rendered intelligent and valuable service," others had "failed to appreciate the honor and dignity of the office, and their services were of little value." A committee was appointed to enquire into and report upon the question of District Deputies, in the hope of devising a plan which would lead to improvement.

The Grand Treasurer reported cash in bank on account of the general fund of $16,933, and investments or cash on account of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund of $62,804.

The committe on District Deputy Grand Masters recommended the abolition of the office, and though a very able minority report was submitted, the report of the committee was adopted. The Master or a Warden of each lodge is required to visit St. Paul each year to "rehearse in detail the established work and lectures of the order."

R. W. Bro. Irving Todd is chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence and his work is well done.

Lodges, 251; members 24,944; a gain of 1,020.

William B. Patton, (Duluth), Grand Master.

John Fishel, (St. Paul), Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI

The ninety-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi was opened at Columbus February 15, 1910. Wiley H. Clifton, Grand Master.

Lodges represented, 338; unrepresented, 20.

Before the formal opening there was a public reception, at which private citizens, both ladies and gentlemen, were present.

The address of the Grand Master is a brief and able business document. Bro. Clifton reports progress within the jurisdiction; and peacegoverns its fraternal relations, except in the case of New Jersey. The year, he says, has been "marked by intensive work by the officers and members of the craft," and he adds that "never before in the history of Mississippi were there so many educated Masons as now." By "educated Masons" he means those who are fully instructed in the law and ritual of Masonry and are competent to labor upon the temple.

He visited officially forty-one lodges, and installed the officers of four others. He officiated at the laying of seven corner-stones.

The Masonic Home is supported by an assessment of fifty cents annually upon each Mason in the jurisdiction. But as only twenty-five cents is actually needed for the support of the home, the Grand Master hopes that the endowment fund will soon increase to $200,000, when the assessment may be reduced or wholly discontinued. A portion of the income is expended in donations to aged brethren who are not inmates of the home. He thinks these grants should be continued, and adds:

> A donation of $50.00 or less by the local lodge and a like amount from the Grand Lodge out of this fund, as it is now administered, would in most instances make the indigent brother comfortable and happy; while if the old man was required to go to the home before he would be entitled to any benefits from the fund, it would not only wreck his life, but would cost this Grand Lodge more than $100.00 per annum to support and care for him.

A number of decisions were given, all interpretations of local Masonic law.

For several years, while the office of Grand Lecturer has been continued, the District Deputies have been urged to renewed effort, and the result has been greater efficiency in lodge officers, and better understanding of the work generally.

Two brethren were tried and suspended for visiting a negro lodge.

The committee to whom was referred that part of Grand Master Martin's address last year, reporting that he had suspended fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, because a lodge in the

state named permitted the initiation of colored men, reported sustaining the action of the Grand Master. The report says:

> Masonry never contemplated that her privilege should be extended to a race, whether free or in bondage, totally, morally, and intellectually incapacitated to discharge the obligations which they assume, or have conferred upon them in a Masonic lodge. It is no answer to this, that there are exceptions to this general character of the race. We must legislate for the race and not for the exceptions.

And much more to the same effect. The report was "adopted without a dissenting voice."

M. W. Bro. Harry T. Howard is chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and a good one. Bro. Howard's desire is to tell the Mississippi brethren what other Grand Lodges are doing rather than to exploit his own views.

Lodges, 338; members, 17,122.

Walter M. Conner, (Hattiesburg), Grand Master.

Frederic Speed, (Vicksburg), Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI

The eighty-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Missouri was opened at St. Joseph Sept. 28, 1909. M. W. Bro. Robert L. Creeger, Grand Master.

Lodges represented, 392; unrepresented, 208.

Before the opening a beautiful gavel was presented to the Grand Master on behalf of the Craft lodges of St. Joseph.

In his address Bro. Creeger congratulated the brethren on the harmony prevailing throughout the jurisdiction, and upon the material progress made during the year. "It is apparent," he said, "that work and progress are the order of the day, and happiness the condition of the hour."

He lamented the death of M. W. Bro. Rufus E. Anderson, P.G.M. Bro. Anderson was the foreign correspondent, but during the greater part of the year the state of his health was such that he could do no work, and the duties of the foreign correspondence were placed in the hands of a committee of which M. W. Bro. D. M. Wilson, and C. C. Woods were the chief members.

Bro. Creeger thinks that closer fraternal relations among the Grand Lodges of the United States are highly desirable. Nobody seems to desire one Grand body for the whole country, nor does any body think such union practicable; but it is thought that frequent conferences and a freer interchange of views would have beneficial results. Two conferences of Grand Masters, having that end in view, have already been held, and it is probable that a third will be held this year. Bro Creeger recommends that Missouri be represented at that conference.

An anonymous circular having been issued advocating the election to office in Grand Lodge of a brother on account of his religion, the Grand Master severely condemns such practices, and says that if he could discover the authors of the circular, they would be severely punished. As no man should be debarred from Masonic office because of his religious views, so no man should be advanced because of them. Bro. Creeger says: "There have been few, if any, offences of this character in the past, and we sincerely hope there will be none in the future."

A number of decisions were given mainly turning upon local questions and conditions: 1. A brother after receiving the E. A. degree became a traveller for a liquor house: ruled that he might be advanced. 2. The petition of a stable foreman for a brewery might be received. 3. The petition of a superintendent of a brewery could not be received. 4. Two Past Masters thought of buying stock in a distillery company, they to receive their dividends in whiskey; ruled that if they did they could not retain their membership in the lodge. 5. A brother employed by the State Beer Inspection Department might retain his membership.

The foreign correspondence gives evidence of careful work and able handling. The references to Canada are most kindly. Referring to the gain in membership in this jurisdiction the report says: "One questions sometimes, though not necessary in this case, whether or not a gain in membership is always the criterion of real growth." That is unfortunately true. Many lodges do not sufficiently scrutinize the quality of the material they accept. Still, if the material is

good, growth in numbers is "handy to have in the house."

Lodges 607, an increase of 6; members 49,088; an increase of 1,409.

William A. Hall, (St. Louis), Grand Master.

John R. Parson, (St. Louis), Grand Secretary.

MONTANA

The forty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Montana was opened at Helena, September 16, 1908. S. C. Kenyon, Grand Master.

Lodges represented, 57; unrepresented 1.

In his address the Grand Master congratulated Grand Lodge upon the existence of harmony and prosperity throughout the jurisdiction. He said: "We have now 58 chartered lodges and four under dispensation all of which, I believe, are entitled to charters at this session. We have gained 392 members during the year, making a total of 5,082."

Among the decisions is the following: "A brother was admitted while a bollot was being taken and was allowed to vote. 2. Was the ballot legal. Ans. Yes; if the Worshipful Master stated to him upon his entrance who and for what they were voting." But is it customary in Montana to admit members while a ballot is being taken?

Bro. L. J. Israel, of Helena, had been appointed, on the recommendation of the Grand Master, to represent Queensland; and Bro. William Calbick to represent Saskatchewan near the Grand Lodge of Montana. The following were appointed to represent Montana near other Grand Lodges; Reginald S. Miller, Nova Scotia; Andrew Gillespie, Western Australia; William Jaeger, Alberta; Charles H. Byrn, Tennessee; William Hopkins, Saskatchewan; James Johnson, Manitoba.

Four new lodges were instituted.

The following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That any member of a lodge in this Jurisdiction who shall engage in the saloon business or act as bar-keeper in a saloon, shall be considered guilty of un-Masonic conduct, and it shall be the duty of the Junior Warden of such lodge to prefer charges against any such member; but, it is understod that this resolution shall not be retroactive.

There is no report on foreign correspondence.

C. B. Nolan, (Helena), Grand Master.

Cornelius Hedges, Jr., (Helena), Grand Secretary.

The forty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Montana was opened at Butte, Sept. 15, 1909. C. B. Nolan, Grand Master.

Ten Past Grand Masters were present.

Lodges represented, 61; unrepresented 9.

In his address the Grand Master reported substantial progress in Masonry throughout the jurisdiction, peace within its borders, and an encouraging outlook for the future.

Four lodges under dispensation had been consecrated during the year; and a dispensation was issued for the formation of one new lodge.

Corner stones of four new Masonic buildings had been laid.

The Masonic home at Helena is finished and ready for occupancy. The cost of the building and equipment was $65,000. There is an endowment, the principal part of which consists of nearly 14,000 acres of land.

Several rulings were made, none of more than local interest.

H. S. Hepner, Past Grand Master, is chairman of the committee on Foreign Correspondence. His work is good, though brief.

Speaking of the attendance at the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Canada he says that the 779 representatives present made "an almost too unwieldy body of men for deliberative purposes." Lodges 71 (including one under dispensation); members 5,485; an increase of 394.

John L. Carroll, (Butte), Grand Master.

Cornelius Hedges, Jr., (Helena), Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA

The fifty-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska was opened at Omaha, June 8, 1909. William A. De Bord, Grand Master.

Lodges represented, 227; unrepresented, 15.

In opening his address the Grand Master said: "This has been a year of great—I may say unparalleled—prosperity among the several lodges of the state."

Among the fraternal dead he mourns the loss of M. W. Bro. Bradner D. Slaughter, Past Grand Master.

Four new lodges were constituted during the year, and a dispensation issued to form another.

Twenty-three rulings were made by the Grand Master—among them the following:

1. A Master Mason under suspension cannot object to the initiation or advancement of a candidate.

2. The Master of a lodge has power to arrest the jewel of a Junior Deacon who captiously refuses to properly perform his official duties.

3. It is not permissible for any Mason to use on his business cards or advertisements the expression "on the square," "on the level," or other such peculiar Masonic phrases.

The Grand Master was present when President Taft was made a Master Mason "at sight," and he approved of the proceedings. At the same time he calls attention to the fact that by a resolution of Grand Lodge passed in 1897, "such prerogative does not inhere in the office of Grand Master in Nebraska * * * The Grand Master is the creature of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, and his prerogatives are defined and limited thereby." He believed this declaration to be wrong and recommended its repeal. The Committee on Jurisprudence recommended such repeal; but Grand Lodge did not sustain the recommendation, and held to the principle as stated above.

The foreign correspondence is in the very able hands of M. W. Bro. Charles J. Phelps. His remarks are always interesting, always courteous, though sometimes controversial, and are informed by sound judgment and good knowledge of Masonic history. Nevertheless, we think that he is not infallible. For example he says that the original Grand Lodge of England (1717) "did not pretend to be engaged in introducing any new Masonry, but rather in reviving ancient speculative Masonry." But will Bro. Phelps assure us that the new Grand Lodge officers did not

invent the Master Mason degree, and probably the Fellowcraft degree as well? Is he quite certain that any ceremony was worked before 1717 except that which we now call the Entered Apprentice degree? Of course lodges of Masons existed in England, Ireland and Scotland "from times immemorial." They were operative at first, and then others than Masons were admitted till in some instances the operatives were crowded out altogether, and these speculative Masons were mainly instrumental in forming the Grand Lodge of England. But that body formulated the Masonry we now have. As to the so-called Ancients, their grand body was formed in 1751; and they took the degrees probably invented, certainly revised, by Anderson and Desaguliers, and claimed untruly that they derived their legitimacy from Ancient York Masons descended from the wholly mythical Grand body said to have met at York in 926 under the presidency of the wholly mythical Edwin, the son of Athelstan.

Number of lodges, 244; members 17,119; a gain of 726. Receipts, $27,286.46.

Michael Dowling, (Omaha), Grand Master.

Francis E. White, (Omaha), Grand Secretary.

NETHERLANDS

The thirty-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands was opened at the Hague, June 20, 1909. Hugo Van Gyn, Grand Master.

Lodges represented 68.

There are 103 lodges under the jurisdiction of the Netherlands Grand Lodge, of which 52 are in the Mother Country, 21 in the East Indies, 2 in the West Indies, and 28 in South Africa. We are not able to gather the membership from the reports; but it is probably nearly 5,000.

There is a provincial Grand Lodge for the East Indies, one for the Transvaal, and one for South Africa, outside of the Transvaal.

Fraternal relations have been reestablished between the Grand Lodge of England and that of the Netherlands.

A proposal to condense the three symbolic degrees into one ceremony was not adopted.

The membership in Holland was rather less in 1908 than in the previous year.

Hugo Van Gyn, (Dordrecht), Grand Master.

H. J. W. Van Lawick, (s'Gravenhage,) (The Hague), Grand Secretary.

NEVADA

The forty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nevada was opened at Carson, June 8, 1909. M. W. Bro. Charles L. Fulstone, Grand Master.

In his address the Grand Master reported the death of M. W. Bro. Philip A. Doyle, Past Grand Master.

During the year he personally visited 22 lodges, and pointed out that pressure of business forbade him to visit the other three. He reports the craft to be fairly prosperous.

The Grand Secretary has been in receipt of a small salary, and in addition has received fees for making out certain documents. The Grand Master recommended that the fees be abolished. He said: "If the salary is not sufficient, increase it; but abolish the fees; then we will know exactly the compensation received by the Grand Secretary." Grand Lodge did not approve of the proposal, but the fees were reduced in amount.

The foreign correspondence is conducted by a committee of which R. W. Bro. E. D. Vanderleith is chairman. The several members of the committee take parts of the work. The law in Canada which restores to all privileges a brother suspended for nonpayment of dues meets with approval. The reviewer says: "In Nevada payment of all arrears restores."

Lodges, 25; members 1,573; a gain of 128.

Frank H. Norcross, (Carson City), Grand Master.
C. N. Noteware, (Carson City), Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

The one hundred and twentieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire

was opened at Concord, May 19, 1909. Frederick W. Sawyer, Grand Master.

Lodges represented 53; unrepresented 27.

The Grand Master reported "a year of great Masonic activity." He added: "A wave of Masonic prosperity seems to have spread throughout our jurisdiction, evidence of which is manifest by the fact that I have been called upon to dedicate three new lodge rooms, and there are two more to be dedicated in the near future, and I have constituted one new lodge. * * * What is there which can give a Grand Master greater official happiness than to observe activity, prosperity and peace within his jurisdiction?"

During the year a Semi-Annual Communication was held for the purpose of exemplifying the work in the presence of Grand Lodge. It was, in fact, a lodge of instruction on a large scale. The esteem in which it was held will be gathered from the fact that 64 lodges were represented, while only 53 were represented at the Annual Communication. Bro. Sawyer says these meetings have been held for many years, and are found to be useful in securing uniformity of ritualistic work, and they broaden Masonic acquaintance among the brethren.

Four decisions were given, of which only one was of general interest: A brother who had been initiated, passed and raised, and who received a diploma, was declared not to be a member of the lodge because he had not signed the by-laws.

One lodge was reported to be dormant and authority was given the Grand Master to arrest its warrant.

A committee was appointed to arrange for permanent care of the grave of Major-General John Sullivan, the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

M. W. Bro. Harry M. Cheney handles the foreign correspondence; and does so with marked ability. He does not like the Canadian law which provides that a Mason suspended for non-payment of dues is automatically restored when his dues are paid. He thinks that the brother who is suspended because he will not pay his dues, as have the rest of the brethren, ought to understand that he cannot get back into good stand-

ing unless the members of his lodge want him back." Reference has been made to this subject in another place, but we may add here:

1. The brother who neglects to pay his dues is generally the man who is temporarily hard up, who thinks he will be able to pay in the near future, and who is ashamed to ask that his dues be remitted. He is suspended. After a while he finds himself in funds and desires to be restored. In doing so he purges himself of the technical offence for which he was suspended. Having removed the cause of his suspension, why should he not be restored? Is Masonic charity in New Hampshire so contracted as to pursue a brother through life because of the misfortune of his temporary poverty?

2. The brother who can pay and won't pay seldom wishes to be restored.

3. The one case in which the Canadian law may work injury is that of the Mason who refuses or neglects to pay his dues, is suspended, and, after many years, finding old age coming upon him, desires restoration for the purpose of participating in Masonic benevolence. Even here the lodge may hold him out, for it has the power to demand not only the sum owing by the member at the time of his suspension, but dues for all the intervening years.

Lodges, 80; members 10,058; a gain of 181.

Frederick M. Sawyer, (Milford), Grand Master.

Frank D. Woodbury, (Concord), Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY

The one hundred and twenty-second Annual Communication of The Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New Jersey was opened at Trenton, April 21, 1909. William D. Wolfskeil, Grand Master.

Lodges represented 176; unrepresented, 8.

The address of the Grand Master is a practical and able paper. At the beginning we find a sentence which is worthy of being held in memory by all Masons. It is this:

"Probably there is no better name for Masonry than the Science of Right Living." That states a great fact in a few words; and recalls Pope's lines:

"For forms of faith let fools and bigots fight;
He can't be wrong, whose life is in the right."

The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey provides for what is called perpetual jurisdiction. That is, if an applicant is rejected by a lodge, no other lodge in any jurisdiction shall ever be at liberty to accept him. Complaint was made that an applicant rejected by a New Jersey lodge had gone to Virginia and had there, under the law of Virginia, been accepted and initiated. Grand Master Wolfskeil points out that, following precedents, he felt compelled to "resort to the wholly meaningless and unsatisfactory action" of placing the member in question under Masonic interdict in New Jersey. He thinks the law of perpetual jurisdiction to be bad, and recommends amendments to the Constitution doing away with it as to other jurisdictions, but retaining it in New Jersey. But if it is bad for other jurisdictions how can it be good for New Jersey? If good material is rejected because of some personal quarrel, why should not another lodge in the same jurisdiction or even in the same city where the personal difficulty does not exist, be at liberty to accept the material?

The Grand Master of Mississippi having declared nonintercourse with the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, because the latter permits the continued existence of a lodge of which colored men are members, Grand Master Wolfskeil briefly states the facts which are that Alpha Lodge, of Newark "has during most of the thirty-eight years of its existence, included Masons of negro descent in its membership." He points out that he has "no knowledge of any official action by the Grand Lodge of Mississippi in support or denial of the pronunciamento of its Grand Master," and he makes no recommendation respecting it, evidently regarding it as mere declamation. But the Grand Master who undertakes to dictate to grand bodies throughout the world whom they may or may not accept, will find himself pretty busy.

The foreign correspondence is ably conducted by a committee, of which W. Bro. Robert H. Shirrefs is chairman.

Lodges, 184; members 29,927; a gain of 1,452.

J. Clarence Conover, (Freehold), Grand Master.
Benjamin F. Wakefield, (Trenton), Grand Secretary.

1910

The one hundred and twenty-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey was held at Trenton April 20th and 21st, 1910. J. Clarence Conover, Grand Master.

Lodges represented, 177; unrepresented, 9.

During the year nine special meetings had been held.

In opening his address the Grand Master, after congratulating the brethren on the continuance of peace and prosperity, said it was the duty of all Masons to ask how they had performed their duties to God, to their neighbors and to themselves. He asked:

How have we impressed on mankind the lessons of the cardinal virtues of temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice, of brotherly love, relief and truth, which are kept constantly before us in the open Bible upon the altar?

How have we helped the needy and the orphan and smoothed the pillow of suffering and death?

How have we fought the great hindering forces which are constantly retarding the growth of our splendid institution?

Bound by the highest and most sacred obligations of mortal man, what have we done during the year to suppress the crying evils of the day, of graft, avarice and selfishness, so common in the mad rush for gain and place; of defiance of law and the evil spirit which snaps its fingers in the face of justice and thus threatens to undermine the very foundations of our civil government?

Two lodges under dispensation were constituted and consecrated, and dispensations were issued for the formation of two new lodges.

Electioneering was severely condemned.

Among the cash receipts acknowledged by the Grand Secretary were $1,571 for the Grand Lodge Charity Funds. The total receipts on account of the home were nearly $50,000, and included $42,653 from lodges. The invested charity funds amount to $86,102.

R. W. Bro. Robert A. Shirrefs continues the report on Foreign Correspondence with his accustomed vigor, ability and good nature. Like some other heretics, he thinks bodies of the Eastern Star are founded on Masonry and should be allowed to meet in Masonic lodge rooms.

Lodges, 188; members, 31,424; a gain of 1,497.

Allton H. Sherman, (Orange), Grand Master.

Benjamin F. Wakefield, (Trenton), Grand Secretary.

NEW MEXICO.

The thirty-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico was opened at Albuquerque, October 18, 1909. Chester D. Stevens, Grand Master.

Lodges represented, 25; unrepresented, 8.

During the year there had been ten special meetings, for the purposes of consecrating lodges, laying corner stones, dedicating lodge rooms, etc.

In opening his address Grand Master Stevens says: "The year has been a prosperous and peaceful one to the Masonic fraternity in this jurisdiction. New lodges have been instituted with the brightest of prospects, and the older lodges have nearly all taken on renewed activity which it has been a pleasure to me to witness."

Dispensations were issued for the formation of three new lodges; three others were continued under dispensation; and four lodges under dispensation were constituted and consecrated.

Many decisions were given, nearly all being mere interpretations of the law. The only one which seems to have general interest is the declaration that a man with Indian blood may be initiated.

The Grand Lecturer reported that he had visited each lodge in the state.

The body of Brother Christopher Columbus Carson (the famous scout "Kit" Carson) lies at Taos, New Mexico. It having been rumored that an attempt was to be made to remove the body, an earnest protest was entered against such removal; and a committee was appointed to purchase Brother Carson's former home.

M. W. Bro. James H. Wroth is the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. He says that he has "thought it advisable to lay before the brethren simply a statement of the doings of each jurisdiction, and as far as possible keep my own personal opinion in the background." But he acknowledges that he may have put in more of his personal views than he had intended. Well, we don't see any personal view that Brother Wroth need be ashamed of. He is anxious to know what are the Ancient Landmarks and dreads the modern disposition to tamper with old laws. So far

as the Ancient Landmarks are concerned our belief is that there is only one genuine, undoubted, unchangeable and ever-during Landmark in Masonry, and that is the one known as the Golden Rule. So long as that remains operative the rest may remain unrecorded.

Lodges, 38; including 5 under dispensation; members, 2,381; an increase of 253.

Frank Johnson, (San Marcial), Grand Master.

Alpheus A. Keen, (Albuquerque), Grand Secretary.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Up to the 9th of June, 1909, four quarterly and two special meetings of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales were held. The special meeting of July 21, 1908, was called for the purpose of installing as Grand Master, M. W. Brother Admiral Sir Harry Holdsworth Rawson. That of June 8, 1909, was for the purpose of nominating candidates for the then ensuing Masonic year, when the Deputy Grand Master, H. Montgomerie-Hamilton, was placed in nomination for Grand Master.

The four quarterly communications were for the transaction of routine business. At the meeting held March 10, 1909, a loving cup was presented to the Grand Master, Admiral Sir Harry Rawson. The presentation was made by R. W. Bro. Montgomerie-Hamilton in a felicitous speech, in which he said that the cup was made of Australian gold, by Australian workmen, and that it was enclosed in a case made of Australian wood.

During the year the Freemasons' Benevolent Institution distributed £871 among 51 annuitants; the Freemasons' Orphan Society paid £702 for the support of orphans, and the Board of Benevolence made special grants to the amount of £1,917.

The Grand Secretary summarizes the year's work as follows:

The total number of lodges in active work is 223, an increase of nine during the year.

Subscribing members number 13,768, an increase of 1,198 since the last Annual Report.

Grand Lodge Fund increased by £1,121 to £6,165.

Benevolent Fund increased by £1,153 to £15,415.

Freemasons' Orphan Society increased by £839 to £29,417.

Freemasons' Benevolent Institution increased by £1,235 to £11,235.

Thus our brethren in New South Wales have given Masonic relief in one year equal to $1.25 per head, and their accumulated funds, at the end of the year amounted to $22 per head.

H. Montgomerie-Hamilton, Grand Master.

Arthur H. Bray (Sydney), Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK

The one hundred and twenty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New York was opened at the Masonic Temple, New York, May 4, 1909. S. Nelson Sawyer, Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master is a long and very able paper. It fills 88 pages of the report. The greater part of it is a discussion of the powers of the trustees, and the expediency of tearing down the present Temple, which is owned by Grand Lodge, and erecting a new building upon the site. This is a highly important business with the New York brethren, since more than a million dollars are involved; but it does not interest brethren outside of New York: and, indeed, cannot be properly understood by those unacquainted with local conditions.

Among the decisions given by the Grand Master was the following: A brother had been suspended for non-payment of dues. Afterwards he paid up the amount owing the lodge and asked for reinstatement, but was rejected. The question asked of the Grand Master was: "Could he apply to any other lodge for membership?" The reply of the Grand Master was: "That having discharged his obligation to his lodge, his punishment could not longer be continued; and that, if the lodge did not care to restore him to membership, he was free to apply to any other lodge for affiliation and could be lawfully received." There is a measure of harshness in this, though, no doubt, it is in strict accord with the law of New York. Bro. Sawyer holds that having paid in full his indebtedness to the lodge, his punishment could not be longer

continued. Yet, manifestly, it is longer continued; for he remains an unaffiliated Mason; and, unless he can find a lodge to accept him, he must remain such to the end of his life. A brother, who through temporary misfortune, is unable for a year or two to pay his dues, may be virtually expelled from the order. Is there any element of Masonic charity in that?

The foreign correspondence is conducted by a committee composed of M. W. Bro. William Scherer, R. W. Bro. Emil Frenkel, and R. W. Bro. Emanuel Lowenstein; and is very ably handled. It is a pleasure to read the report of men who deal with facts, present reasons and consider the welfare of the craft rather than attempt flights of oratory.

Exception is taken to the ruling of the Immediate Past Master in this jurisdiction that a Past Master from a foreign jurisdiction could not legally be made Master of a lodge in this jurisdiction. We have already explained that the decision was based upon the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario. But let us go a step further, and say that that law is wise and just. Let us suppose a Past Master from New York to settle in Ontario, and to affiliate with a lodge here. He is familiar with the Constitutional law and the legal practice of New York. He served many years on the floor of his lodge before reaching the east, and carefully studied the work, so that he is saturated with it. Now, is it reasonable to think that he could without training in our work, and without study of our Constitution, be able to rule a lodge under our laws and work degrees according to our ritual in a proper manner? Think over it for a while, Brother Scherer.

The report heartily condemns those who seek to exploit Masonry for personal gain. It says: "Too many organizations and associations are now tacked on to poor old Masonry, and it can't help itself; but the voice of Grand Masters and 'Elders in Israel' should be heard against all this." A story is told of a "tonsorial artist" in Chicago who sought admission to Masonry and who was asked what his chief desire was, to which he heartily and promptly replied, "more barberin." A great many people desire to become Masons for the purpose of securing "more barberin." But

Masons are not compelled to have their "barberin" done in places where the square and compasses are conspicuously displayed.

Lodges, 784; members, 158,101; an increase of 5,173; receipts, $199,212.45.

S. Nelson Sawyer, (Palmyra), Grand Master.

E. M. L. Ehlers, (New York), Grand Secretary.

1910

The one hundred and twenty-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New York was opened at New York, May 3, 1910. S. Nelson Sawyer, Grand Master.

Lodges represented, 791; unrepresented 0.

The Grand Master said: "Never in the history of the world have the auguries for the future been so bright as those which surround this, the one hundred and twenty-ninth communication of the Grand Lodge."

Intercourse with other Grand Lodges continued in mutual respect and fraternal regard.

Dispensations were issued for the formation of eleven new lodges.

The Masonic home at Utica is well ma
and is doing excellent work. The cost of maintaining the home is about $120,000 a year.

The vexed question of the re-construction of the Masonic temple on the corner of Sixth Avenue and Twenty-third street, New York, is happily settled by decision of Grand Lodge to rebulid and to let the space not needed for Masonic purposes as "flats." It is hoped that the rentals will yield a large revenue.

The committee on Foreign Correspondence consists of R. W. Bros. John W. Jenkins, Emil Frenkel and Emanuel Loewenstein.

Bro. Ehlers also contributes historical sketches of twenty-five subordinate lodges.

Lodges, 791; members, 163,341; an increase of 5,240.

Robert Judson Kenworthy, Grand Master.

E. M. L. Ehlers, (New York), Grand Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND

The twentieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand was opened at New Plymouth May 6, 1909. His Excellency, the Right Hon. Lord Plunkett, Grand Master.

Lodges represented, 131; unrepresented, 24.

The order of business in New Zealand is somewhat different from ours. The main facts to be laid before Grand Lodge are confined to the reports of the officers and committees. The Grand Master's remarks are general, and even they are not delivered until after his reelection and installation, at the close of the first day's business. Lord Plunkett was happy to be able to report progress and harmony throughout the jurisdiction. He says:

> Seven new Lodges have been created, 700 names have been added to our roll of membership, our funds have increased by £3,583, and an unusually large number of new Lodge Rooms have been built, or existing ones improved. I would especially call your attention to the striking figures which are to be found in the current report of the Board of General Purposes. Furnish the bare bones of that column with flesh, and the history of the New Zealand Constitution comes to life. It is easy to picture from the first time, "April, 1891, £72," the pioneers (several of whom are on the dais with me to-night) struggling against indifference, opposition, and misrepresentation, thankfully congratulating themselves that the first year's balance was on the right side. Ten years later we see them proudly pointing to the substantial figure of four thousand pounds, but I venture to doubt whether even the most sanguine amongst that gallant band anticipated that eight years later the Grand Master would be able to announce to Grand Lodge that their credit balance was practically £20,000.

There remain in New Zealand a number of lodges holding English and Scotch warrants, which do not wish to unite with the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. An agreement has been reached with the Grand Lodge of Scotland by which fraternal relations are established with such lodges, and negotiations have been begun with the Grand Lodge of England looking to that end.

W. Bro. Charles Rhodes was recognized as the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada near the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

The installation of the Grand Master was an elaborate and imposing ceremony. The warrant of the election of Lord Plunkett having been read, there was a

trumpet call, when eight Worshipful Masters and four Grand Stewards were sent out, and the report continues:

Flourish of Trumpets.
Grand March
A Procession, as follows, entered the Lodge Room:
Two Grand Directors of Ceremonies.
Two Worshipful Masters, with Cushions, bearing the Regalia of the Most Worshipful Grand Master Elect.
Two Grand Stewards.
A Canopy, borne by Four Worshipful Masters, under which entered
Most Worshipful Brother Lord Plunket,
Grand Master Elect,
With Two Grand Stewards, one on each side.
Two Worshipful Masters.
The Grand Master Elect was presented to the Installing Grand Master.
Prayer by the Grand Chaplain, V. Wor. Bro. Rev. F. G. Evans.
Response—So mote it be.
Most Worshipful Bro. Lord Plunket was Invested and Enthroned.

The foreign correspondence is in the hands of M. W. Bro. Malcolm Niccol, who is Grand Secretary. The work is well and judiciously done. Bro. Niccol is much impressed with the Canadian custom of holding lodges of instruction, and commends to Provincial Grand Masters in New Zealand "the expediency of organizing schools of this kind as a means of securing uniformity of work."

Lodges, 158; members, 10,020.

His Excellency, Baron Plunket, Grand Master.

Malcolm Niccol, (Wellington), Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA

The one hundred and twenty-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina was held at Raleigh, January 11 and 12, 1910, Samuel M. Gattis, Grand Master.

Lodges represented, 206; unrepresented, 169.

In his address the Grand Master said: "The growth of our order in this jurisdiction during the past year has been marvellous." But he added: "No increase in numbers or in the amount of money collected will avail us if we fail to live up to the great principles which we profess and preach."

Among his decisions were the following:

1. A candidate for initiation cannot be allowed to affirm; he must be sworn upon the Holy Bible.

2. Gambling is a Masonic offence.

The orphan asylum is doing good work, and is well maintained. During the year bequests of $1,000 and $200 were received.

A Masonic Home is proposed, and the Grand Master hopes to see the work begun in the near future.

He recommended the order of the Eastern Star to the favorable consideration of the Masons of North Carolina.

He says: "It seems a difficult matter to get the system of District Deputy Grand Masters in good working condition." While many have done faithful and efficient work, others have neglected their duties. He thinks the District Deputies should be made members of Grand Lodge.

Charters were granted to eleven lodges under dispensation.

R. W. Bro. John A. Collins is chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. His work is well done.

Lodges, 375; members 20,014; a gain of 1,074.

Richard N. Hackett, (Wilkesboro), Grand Master.

John C. Drewry, (Raleigh), Grand Secretary.

NORTH DAKOTA

The twentieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota was opened at Grand Forks, June 22, 1909. Sylvester J. Hill, Grand Master.

Lodges represented 78; unrepresented. 15.

In his address Grand Master Hill called attention to the fact that twenty-five years ago he attended his first meeting of Grand Lodge, when there were but 490 members in what is now the State of North Dakota. Now there are 7,000 members—"a more rapid gain in Masonry than in population."

He noted the death of M. W. Bro. George L McGregor, Past Grand Master.

Seven new lodges were constituted and consecrated. The Grand Master officiated at all these ceremonies except one. He says a special feature at Portal was the visit from the lodge of Estevan, Saskatche-

wan, and the exemplification of the Master Mason's degree as it is worked in Canada.

The only ruling of general interest made was this: A. petitioned a lodge for membership, was accepted and received the E. A. degree. Then charges were preferred against him for unmasonic conduct. He proposed to the lodge that if the fee he had paid were returned he would withdraw. The question was asked "Can the lodge accept his proposition?" To which the Grand Master replied: "No. The lodge has no more right to compound such a case than would an individual in the criminal courts."

There is a committee on foreign correspondence; but its report is not included in the proceedings, and has not reached us.

During the year a Masonic Veterans' Association was formed, brethren who have been Masons for twenty-one years being eligible for membership. The object of the Association appears to be, mainly, social intercourse and consultation for the good of the order.

Lodges, 93; members, 7,137.

Halfdan Bendeke, (Grand Forks), Grand Master.

Frank J. Thompson, (Fargo), Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA

The forty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was opened at Halifax, June 9, 1909. Charles R. Smith, Grand Master.

Lodges represented 67; unrepresented 3.

After the formal opening, but before general business had been entered upon, the brethren formed a procession and marched to St Paul's church, where R. W. Bro. William Driffield preached an eloquent and instructive sermon.

In his address the Grand Master reported a larger membership than ever before, "a grand feeling of Masonic harmony throughout the jurisdiction, and of good and progressive work accomplished. And, above all," he said, "we are in a position to report more worthy and extensive efforts on the lines of true Masonic charity than previously."

He lamented the death of R. W. Bro. James Dempster, who for nearly twenty-eight years had held the office of Grand Treasurer.

Among the Grand Master's rulings were the following:

1. Every member of a lodge present, including the Tyler, must vote on petitions for initiation.

2. Emergency meetings must be called by summons to all the brethren, as regular meetings are called.

3. A motion was before a lodge to exclude intoxicating liquors from the lodge room and ante-rooms, when an amendment was made, the effect of which would be to negative the proposed by-law. No notice of the amendment having been given, it was ruled to be irregular.

4. Investigating committees cannot be appointed privately by the Worshipful Master, nor can they report privately to him. The committee must be appointed, and its report received, in open lodge.

5. The correct way to take the ballot is for the ballot box to be placed on the altar, where every brother should go, and in a decent and orderly manner, deposit his ballot.

6. When once a ballot is entered upon it must be finished, and the result declared. The Master may, in his discretion, before declaring the result, order a second ballot, but that must be done at once. No postponement is permissible.

The Grand Master condemns all "chain letters," and begging circulars. A lodge in Nova Scotia having issued such a letter, he issued a circular forbidding such practices; but as he believed the officers of the lodge had acted innocently, he imposed no penalty.

R. W. Bro. Thomas Mowbray, the Grand Secretary, conducts the foreign correspondence with ability and judgment.

Lodges 70; members 5,673; an increase of 323.

William Marshall Black, (Wolfville), Grand Master.

Thomas Mowbray, (Halifax), Grand Secretary.

OHIO

The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Ohio opened its one hundredth Annual Communication at Cleveland, Oct. 20, 1909. Charles S. Hoskinson, Grand Master.

Lodges represented, 482; unrepresented, 32.

All the Grand Officers except the Grand Chaplain, all the Past Grand Officers, with one exception; and all the Grand Lecturers, with one exception, were present.

In his address the Grand Master congratulated the members of the Grand Lodge upon the harmony

and progress which had marked the year. "More Masons," he said, "have been raised, more affiliated, and more reinstated than ever before. The net gain in membership was 3,637."

In compliance with a request of the Grand Master, lodges generally throughout the state attended divine service on St. John the Evangelist's Day, 1908. "One hundred lodges were represented by nearly 30,000 brethren, who at the same hour were listening to instruction from the Great Light in Masonry."

The Grand Master told at length of the ceremony attending the making of President Taft, "a Mason at sight."

The Grand Secretary reported the membership at the end of August, 1909, as 75,976; the receipts as $58,842.75, and the expenditures as $53,395.05.

Warrants were granted to three lodges under dispensation, and three lodges were continued under dispensation.

A request for recognition of the Grand Lodge of Greece was referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, but no action appears to have been taken.

The lamented death of M. W. Bro. Cunningham, who had been for twenty-seven years, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, left a vacancy which is not easily filled. M. W. Bro. Wm. A. Belt, was appointed to the vacant chairmanship, and, in the limited time at his disposal, he did excellent work. We may expect Bro. Belt to take a prominent place at "the round table."

The Grand Lodge of Ohio, was formed in 1708, and the centennial of that event was celebrated at Cincinnati, Oct. 21, 1908. The ceremonies were of an imposing character, including a street parade, in which nearly 6,000 Masons took part. A very interesting historical sketch of the Grand Lodge was read by M. W. Bro. Cunningham. The orator of the day was Bro. David H. Moore, a bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church. A centennial poem was read by M. W. Bro. Nelson Williams. Altogether the celebration was highly successful.

A History of Fremasonry in Ohio by M. W. Bro. Cuningham followed upon this celebration, a copy of which is thankfully acknowledged.

B. F. Perry, Jr., (Jefferson), Grand Master.
J. H. Bromwell, (Cincinnati), Grand Secretary.

OKLAHOMA—INDIAN TERRITORY

A year ago announcement was made in this report that a Union of the Grand Lodges of Oklahoma and Indian Territory had been agreed upon. This Union seemed to be necessitated by the political union of the two territories to form the state of Oklahoma.

The thirty-sixth and last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory was opened at McAlester, Indian Territory, Feb. 9, 1909, H. L. Muldrow, Grand Master.

Lodges represented 194.

In his address the Grand Master referred to the union with a good deal of sorrow. He said:

> To Brother Murrow, perhaps, more than to any other one man in the world is this a day of sorrow, not sorrow in the sense of the heart rending which comes from affliction, but the sorrow of regret at the severance of old ties and old associations. To him and the other brethren, who feel as he does, let us suggest that this but marks the merger of two successful corporations, both of which have an honorable history of successful achievement, but have found that the territory occupied by each separately could be better and more successfully worked, and the operating expenses reduced by merger, and that no stockholder would lose or suffer in any way by turning his certificates in and receiving in lieu thereof new gold bonds of like amount issued under seal of the new and larger corporation, which, unlike many of the so-called corporations in the business world, has no watered stock, and no artificial value, which can be lowered or raised by Wall Street and its cohort of stock jobbers and gamblers, for this corporation has as its chief asset, brotherly love, friendship, truth. Not only do we receive the new certificate but the old one is returned to us that we may hang it on the wall and point with pride to the history of our birth and the legitimacy of the union of our parents. So it is that this does not mark the going out of the old and the beginning of the new; far from it. It marks the union of two great, throbbing hearts combined in the breasts of twenty thousand men, who have obligated themselves to live together as brothers in all that the term implies. While our Grand Lodge is the older, the richer and the stronger, let us see to it that our "Daughter" is not the more generous.

Freemasonry was established in Indian Territory in 1853, by the formation of Flint Lodge, which was

warranted by the Grand Lodge of Arkansas. In 1874 there were six Lodges, and then a Grand Lodge was formed. Ten years later there were 21 Lodges with 577 members. In 1892 the western part of the Indian Territory was taken away and constituted into the territory of Oklahoma, when the ten Lodges existing there withdrew and established the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma. Now the two territories are again united to form the State of Oklahoma, and so the separate Grand Lodges surrender their independence and reunite in the new Grand Lodge of Oklahoma.

The Grand Lodge of Oklahoma held its last Annual Communication at Guthrie, Feb. 9, 1909, D. D. Hoag, Grand Master.

Lodges represented 139; unrepresented 33.

During the year the Grand Master issued dispensations for the formation of twenty new Lodges.

The terms of union of the two Grand Lodges as settled by the Conference Committeees were approved.

The necessary routine business was transacted, and the Grand Lodge was closed.

M. W. Bro. D. D. Hoag, the Grand Master, was a native of Brant County, Ontario.

The convention to arrange for the formation of the new Grand Lodge met at Guthrie, Oklahoma, Feb. 10, 1909, Past Grand Master D. D. Hoag in the chair. A constitution, by-laws and regulations for the government of the new body were adopted.

Officers were then elected and the United Grand Lodge of Oklahoma was duly constituted. A great deal of business was transacted, little of which is of general importance.

The new Grand Lodge has 385 Lodges and about 18,000 members.

H. L. Muldrow, (Tishomingo), Grand Master.

J. S. Murrow, (Atoka), and Wm. M. Anderson, (Waurika), Grand Secretaries.

OREGON

The fifty-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Oregon was opened at Portland, June 16, 1909. Edward E. Kiddle, Grand Master.

Lodges represented, 105; unrepresented, 9.

The Grand Master reports harmony and a fair degree of prosperity throughout the jurisdiction.

Among the fraternal dead was Jacob Mayer, Past Grand Master.

Seven lodges under dispensation were constituted and consecrated, and dispensations were granted for the formation of three new lodges.

An Oregon lodge granted relief to a brother from another jurisdiction and the home lodge of the brother declined to refund the money. M. W. Bro. Kiddle calls attention to the matter, in small hope, however, that uniformity of practice can be secured. He quotes what he calls the "Wisconsin plan," which is that when a lodge bestows charity upon a member of another lodge, the lodge of which he is a member must refund the same if the relief granted be a Masonic necessity. Twelve grand lodges have approved of that principle, thirty-two have rejected it, and three were non-committal. It is but reasonable to ask the mother lodge of the assisted brother to refund moneys advanced to him, when he is in need. But serious objections may be made to the "Wisconsin plan." In the first place, the assisted brother's lodge may not be able to refund the money. In such cases the Grand Lodge in whose jurisdiction it is might be called upon to pay. In the second place the lodge of which the brother is a member should be notified, if possible, and its wishes ascertained, especially as to the amount it is willing to grant. For there have been cases in which brethren have been very liberal in granting relief when others were expected to make good the amount. The granting of relief to Masons absent from home is an important matter, and it is highly desirable that some plan be devised by which assistance could in all cases be given without imposing a burden upon the assisting lodge and without unduly draining the resources of the needy brother's lodge. Is it not possible to have a general fund raised by contributions of all Grand Lodges, which may be called upon for relief of this nature? In these cases the custodian of the fund would demand proof of the good standing of the assisted brother; that the assistance

was needed; and that the amount given was not excessive.

The Grand Chaplain has held office for thirty-six years. On account of his valuable and faithful service, because of his "weight and cubic inches," which makes him "a towering and commanding personality," and because "his winning ways with the ladies is something marvellous to behold," the Grand Master recommended that he be given twenty-five dollars a year over the regular mileage fee for attending Grand Lodge. The Finance Committee, "in consideration of his loyalty and attendance and spiritual guidance extended this grand body and its wayward members," recommended that the Grand Chaplain receive fifty dollars a year over his regular mileage, and Grand lodge so ordered.

The foreign correspondence is ably handled by R. W. Bro. John M. Hodson. Bro. Hodson, like some others, does not approve of the Canadian law which forbids a brother to be elected Master of a lodge unless he has served a full year as warden in this jurisdiction. In another place we have given reasons for thinking the law wise and just, and request Bro. Hodson to examine these reasons. He thinks a "Masonic apron should be square, and not sixteen by eighteen inches, as the ignorant supply houses make them." Now, Bro. Hodson, what is your authority for that statement? While waiting for an answer to that question let us say that, without quoting the law as laid down in any constitution in the British Empire, M. W. Bro. Josiah Drummond (an authority of some weight), says: "The apron of a Master Mason should be a plain white lambskin, fourteen inches wide by twelve inches deep, with sky-blue lining and edging, and it may have three rosettes of the same color." But Bro. Hodson's views are always valuable and generally sound.

The Grand Secretary reports 118 lodges; 9,232 members in good standing; net gain for the year 548; receipts, $11,359.

Norris R. Cox, (Portland), Grand Master.

James F. Robinson, (Portland), Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA.

In many respects the report of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is the best printed and most artistic which reaches us. Its paper is of good quality, its type is clear and large, its illustrations are excellent. The latter include a steel engraving of the Masonic Temple at Philadelphia; portraits of William Balls, Grand Master in 1761, 1782 and 1795; and of Thomas Hittera, Grand Master 1826-1828. There is also a facsimile reproduction of the original warrant granted by the Grand Lodge of Ancients in England, constituting the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. It is dated July 16, 1761. It is accompanied by a letter from Lawrence Dermott, Grand Secretary of the Ancients.

Quarterly communications were held in March, June, September and December, at which routine business was transacted.

The Annual Grand Communication was held at Philadelphia, December 27, 1909, George B. Orlady, Grand Master.

Only 96 lodges were represented out of a total of 477.

The invested funds of Grand Lodge, mainly for benevolent purposes, amount to $1,425,000. Grand Master Orlady said, in his opening address: "Our estimated receipts during the coming year will be over $250,000, and we have arranged for the disbursement of more than $200,000 in our charitable work."

After giving a list of the various charitable funds, to the amount alreadv stated, the Grand Master said:

> This exceptional exhibit of property is under the control of this unincorporated fraternal association, which has been in continuous existence under one form or other, since 1730, all through the Provincial, Colonial and State history of this Commonwealth, and it has never declared a dividend on any of its investments to any of the members of the Fraternity as a return in money, there being only a sentimental reimbursement in the form of duty performed, in the making and confirming of the ties of brotherly kindness, and in the relief of the deserving and dependent of our Fraternity.
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> In addition to the Grand Lodge investments, every one of the Subordinate Lodges has similar ones of corresponding importance in securities and real estate, and they are all founded on the same fraternal influences, and are controlled and disbursed by the same obligations.

Brother Orlady approves of the making of President Taft a "Mason at sight."

He reported at length respecting the convention of Grand Masters called by him at Philadelphia in June, 1909, to consider matters for the general benefit of the craft, and was fully persuaded that the results justified the experiment.

A portrait of Past Grand Master William J. Kelly had been placed "in the gallery of our illustrious dead."

The death was announced of Past Grand Master James W. Brown.

Two new lodges had been constituted during the year. Eight corner-stones were laid.

Among his decisions are the following:

1. Neither the name nor title of a lodge, nor the use of the word "Masonic" is permitted to be used for any purpose that is not Masonic.

2. The funds of a lodge may be used for Masonic purposes only.

3. None but Masons may be present at a Masonic banquet.

4. Neither the Grand Lodge nor the District Deputies should be at any expense in installing officers of a Lodge. The Master or a Past Master of the Lodge should know the work of installing officers.

5. The names of officers or members of a Lodge should not be furnished to anyone, whereby they may be used by solicitors, canvassers or salesmen in any business enterprise.

He deposed a Master of a lodge for inattention and neglect of duty and declared the office vacant.

Bro. James M. Lamberton continues as chairman of the Committe on Foreign Correspondence. His work is always well done. Noting the presentation to the Grand Lodge of Canada, of a set of undress regalia by M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, he says:

> It occurs to us that the Annual Communication of a Grand Lodge would be the time when the officers would wear "dress clothing" rather than "undress clothing." All the same, it was a generous gift.

The undress regalia is intended mainly for use at ordinary lodge meetings. At the last meeting of Grand Lodge it was worn during the closing hours to let the members see what it was like.

Lodges, 477; members, 92,135; a gain of 4,055.

George W. Guthrie, (Philadelphia), Grand Master.

William A. Sinn, (Philadelphia), Grand Secretary.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

The thirty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island was opened at Montague, June 24, 1909. D. F. Macdonald, Grand Master.

All the lodges in the jurisdiction were represented.

In his address the Grand Master reported that he had during the year visited all the lodges on the island. He found the craft doing good work, harmony prevailing, and a fair degree of prosperity attending its labors.

Efforts are being made to form a benevolent fund, which now amounts to $2,750. During the year calls were made for only $40, and the additions to the permanent fund were about $1,250.

"It is pleasing to note," said Bro. Macdonald, "that our ritualistic work is becoming more uniform, largely due to the untiring efforts of our Grand Lecturer."

The receipts for the year were about $400, and expenditure nearly $550.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, of which R. W. Bro. John Jardine is chairman, reported that requests had been made for fraternal relations from the Grand Lodges Valle de Mexico, Chile, Gran Logia Cosmos de Chihuahua, and the Grand Lodge of Greece. It recommended that in all these cases action be deferred. It regrets that there is not uniformity of action in recognizing Grand Bodies, and thinks the Alabama standard to be good. That standard is the following:

1. Does the applying body confine itself to the practice of the three degrees of symbolic Masonry?
2. Does it hold itself bound to keep inviolate the ancient landmarks?
3. Is it a Sovereign Grand Lodge, acknowledging no other superior such as a Supreme Council, the peer of the Grand Lodge to whom the application is made?

We fully agree with Bro. Jardine that there has been too much laxity in recognizing bodies which do

not give sufficient proof that they maintain in full integrity the ancient landmarks of the craft. We insist that it is not in the power of any man, or any body of men, to make innovations in the body of Masonry; and yet Grand Bodies are recognized which have made such innovations. The more closely we adhere to the constitutions and laws of our fathers the better shall we serve the cause of Masonry.

Lodges, 14; members 697; a gain of 18.

W. P. Doull, (Charlottetown), Grand Master.

Neil McKelvie, (Summerside), Grand Secretary.

PUERTO RICO.

The report of this body for 1908-09 has been issued. Several quarterly meetings were held, at which routine business was transacted. The receipts were $3,044.93; expenditure $2,210.85.

Puerto Rico seems to maintain fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge and the Grand Orient of France; with the Grand Orient of Greece; with four or five Grand Lodges in Mexico; with the Supreme Council of Cuba; and with some others of doubtful legitimacy. There are twenty-one lodges and about a thousand members.

A brief historical sketch of Masonry in the island says that a chapter of Rose Croix was founded at San German in 1824, and that "this goes to prove that regular lodges occupied the territory of Porto Rico long before any lodges of Spanish origin usurped the territory."

Upon the re-organization of Masonry in Cuba in 1859, the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, in Charleston, S.C., constituted the Supreme Council of Colon in what is to-day the Republic of Cuba, and ceded to Cuba the Masonic jurisdiction over the island; and as no other Masonic power had ever claimed jurisdiction over Cuba prior to that date, the jurisdiction of Supreme Council of Cuba was constituted as "Supreme Council of Colon for Cuba and the West Indian Island."

After the Spanish American war the Grand Lodge met at San Juan in 1899.

Antonio Cordera, Grand Master.

Jose G. Torres, (San Juan), Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC

The thirty-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec was opened at Montreal,

February 10, 1909. George O. Stanton, Grand Master.

Lodges represented, 58; unrepresented 3.

In his address the Grand Master congratulated the brethren upon the prosperity of the craft in the Province, and the progress it was making; but he sounded a note of warning against admission to the craft of unworthy material. We should, he says, admit to our body, "only those who are worthy, such as are respectable in their rank of life, earnestly desirous of becoming more useful to mankind, and thus strengthening our institution so that greater good may result from increase in numbers." He recommends the purchase by Grand Lodge of the Masonic Temple at Montreal.

The benevolent fund has grown to $17,631, and the permanent benevolent fund to $18,539.

A dispensation was granted for one new lodge.

Attention is called to the fact that the Grand Lodge owns a golden square (a Master's jewel) which is inscribed "The Gift of His Royal Highness, Prince Edward, the First Right Worshipful Grand Master of Ancient Masons in Canada," who was the father of Queen Victoria. Also a key of gold presented by the Duke of Clarence, afterwards William the Fourth. These jewels came into possession of M. W. Bro. T. D. Harington, and were by him presented to the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

M. W. Bro. E. T. D. Chambers, is chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. He tells us that he has held that position for twenty-two years, and there is not a doubt that he has done his work with great ability. In his introductory remarks, Bro. Chambers calls attention to the value of properly prepared reviews of the proceedings of sister Grand Lodges so that the average Mason may in small space get a fair compendium of the doings of Masonry throughout the world. While many of the most gifted men in the world have contributed their best thoughts to Masonry, and those thoughts are recorded in the annual reports of the Masonic bodies, it is impossible for the average Mason to procure them, nor would he have time to read them if they were

available. But in the foreign correspondence contained in his own annual report he will find the useful information, the expositions of Masonic teaching, and the gems of Masonic oratory which are culled from a hundred volumes.

Grand Secretary Will H. Whyte reports 62 lodges in the jurisdiction, with 6,045 members, an increase over last year of 260.

J. Alexander Cameron, (Montreal), Grand Master.

Will H. Whyte, (Montreal), Grand Secretary.

1910

The fortieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec was held at Montreal, February 9, 1910. J. Alexander Cameron, Grand Master.

Lodges represented, 58; unrepresented 4.

A special communication had been held at Richmond, June 19, 1909, for the purpose of unveiling and dedicating a monument erected to the memory of M. W. Brother John Hamilton Graham, the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

In his address Grand Master Cameron urged the brethren to renewed activity in practicing the duties and promoting the objects of Masonry. He protested against false representations and false accusations, brought against Masons in Quebec by those who not only are not Masons, but who are not permitted to belong to the order. It has been asserted in some quarters that there still exists in Montreal a lodge which the soi-distant Masonry of France illegally sought to establish there. He knows of no such body as being still in existence; but he calls attention to the fact that an edict of non-intercourse with it was issued when it did exist, and that edict is still operative.

Bro. Cameron made a large number of official visits during the year.

M. W. Bro. E. T. D. Chambers conducts the Foreign Correspondence, and presents a well-written report of 137 pages.

Lodges, 62; members 6,325; an increase of 282.

J. Alexander Cameron, (Montreal), Grand Master.

Will H. Whyte, (Montreal), Grand Secretary.

QUEENSLAND

The Grand Lodge of Queensland meets quarterly —in March, June, September and December.

At the meeting held September 14, 1908, the Grand Master, Lord Chelmsford, presided.

Notice of recognition was received from the Grand Lodge of Wyoming.

Twenty-one guineas were voted to supplement grants of metropolitan lodges in favor of various local charities, which brought the total amount up to sixty pounds, ten shillings.

The total receipts of the year ending July 31, 1908, were reported as £1247. 3s.

At the December meeting notice of recognition by the Grand Lodge of Washington was received.

At the meeting held March 8, 1909, only routine business was transacted.

At the meeting held May 17, 1909, announcement was made that, as Lord Chelmsford was about to leave the state, it would be necessary to elect his successor. An address was read and a gold claret jug was presented to His Lordship. In replying Lord Chelmsford congratulated Grand Lodge on the fact that it had secured recognition from a majority of the Grand Lodges of the world, and was in "an unassailable position." He said:

Our record is, indeed, a remarkable one. Steady, uninterrupted growth has marked the three years of my Grand Mastership.

The lodges have increased from 46 to 55. Our membership has risen from 1,445 to 1,860, and ours is no paper membership. Brethren who fall short in their Masonic duties are requested to resign or are removed from the roll. Forty-one sister Grand Lodges have recognized our Constitution, as against fifteen three years ago. Our Widows, Orphans and Aged Masons Institution has been inaugurated, and four orphans are already being supported by it. Brethren, I have every faith in the continued prosperity of Grand Lodge, and may the G.A.O.T.U. bless its labors more abundantly. My work has been a labor of love, and I shall look back on it with pleasure and satisfaction. I ask you to accept my gratitude and thanks for your loyal co-operation with me in it. Where all have labored so well and loyally it would be impossible for me to particularize, but I know that those who have worked hardest will have their best reward not in my thanks, but in their consciousness that they have done their best. I shall carry away this beautiful memento with pride that you have thought fit to present to me. It will be a perpetual reminder to me of my days among you, and in time to come it will remind my children that their father once held high Masonic office in Queens-

land, and won, I am emboldened by your kindness to say it, esteem and some measure of personal affection from his Masonic brethren.

At the meeting held June 14, 1909, A. M. Hertzberg, was elected Grand Master.

Lodges 56; members, 1,900.

A. M. Hertzberg, Grand Master.

C. H. Harley, Grand Secretary.

The address of neither the Grand Master nor the Grand Secretary is found in the proceedings.

RHODE ISLAND

A Semi-annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island was held at Providence, Nov. 16, 1908. William Lincoln Chatterton, Grand Master.

In our last report attention was drawn to a ruling made by M. W. Bro. Armington, the former Grand Master, that a lodge had a right to levy a special assessment for a special purpose upon a life member of the lodge, and that the life member was exempt from payment of ordinary lodge dues only. At the Semi-annual Communication the committee on Grand Officers' reports considered this ruling and recommended that the Grand Master's actions be sustained. But the report added that the committee could not concur in the view that "the right of the lodge to raise funds by assesments is not open to question." The argument of the committee is of such general importance that no apology is needed for quoting it in full:

> Before 1717, Lodges received no warrants, but degrees were conferred upon the meeting together of a sufficient number of brethren, and after the temporary business which had called them together had been performed, the Lodge was dissolved until some similar occasion should summon the brethren again. There was then no permanent organization, no necessity for a Lodge fund, and consequently no regulation requiring the payment of annual dues. When Lodges, however, became permanently established by warrants, permanent membership followed, and payment of some contribution was required from each member as a fund towards defraying the expenses of the Lodge. (Mackey Mas. Jur. 194.) Mackey says, further (p. 195): "It" (the payment of a required contribution) "is not a general Masonic duty in which a Mason is affected towards the whole body of the Craft as is the duty of moral deportment, but is to be regarded simply in the light of a pecuniary contract, the parties to which are the Lodge and its members." Where, as in the case under consideration, a Lodge

has by its by-laws determined the amount and times of payment of annual dues, and the sum by payment of which dues may be commuted for the life of a member desiring to make such commutation, those constitute the pecuniary contract between the Lodge and its members to which Mackey refers. This contract cannot be changed in the case of any member against his will, except in the manner stipulated in the contract itself, that is, by amendment of the by-laws in the prescribed manner. It would seem to follow that, at least in a Lodge having by-laws providing for the payment of dues, no additional contributions to the expenses of the Lodge can be compelled against the will of any member who may object to making such contribution, that is. no assessments can be levied.

The committee reported in favor of the Grand Master's ruling on the ground that no penalty had been imposed for failure to pay the assessment, and, therefore, there was nothing to appeal against.

The Annual Communication was held at Providence, May 17, 1909.

Grand Master Chatterton, reported that throughout the jurisdiction there was peace, progress and "fruitful endeavor along moral lines."

Among his rulings was one which seems to be harsh. Objection was made to the advancement of an Entered Apprentice, though no charge was preferred against him. The Grand Master ruled.

No charges appearing there is nothing to try. The candidate is entitled to no consideration.

If the objection is founded upon allegations which, if true, show that the Brother desiring advancement has been guilty of unmasonic conduct it would be the duty of the Master of the Lodge to see to it that charges are preferred and the Brother tried in order that he may be punished, if guilty. The result of such trial, however, would not in itself affect the action of the Lodge in sustaining the objection and refusing advancement. A trial, while not convincing of guilt of a Masonic offence, might be most convincing of the undesirability of granting advancement.

We must really hope that Bro. Chatterton did not mean what he said—that after a man has been accepted, after his money has been taken, after he has been made a Mason and hailed by the title of brother —he is entitled to no consideration, and that, though tried and found not guilty, his advancement may be stopped by the mere objection of a brother. Surely that is not the Rhode Island idea of Masonic charity!

During the year a rough ashlar of granite was erected at Foster Centre to commemorate a special meeting held at that place, in an open field, on the

9th of June, 1834. The reason for holding the meeting is thus given in the lodge minutes:

At a special meeting of Hamilton Lodge holden on the hiest Piece of land there could be found in the pasture of the Worshipful Master Jerah Hill about one hundred Rods from their hall about Northeast the reason Why we assemble here is that the door of our hall has been closed up by Eli Aylesworth and there is no place to enter the Hall except we enter at the window, and some of our Brethren being lame they could not Very Well enter the window.

The brethren, however, procured a ladder, and gained entrance to the lodge room by its aid. We are not told how many rounds it had.

Lodges, 37; members, 7,149.

Stephen Magown, (Woonsocket), Grand Master.

S. Penrose Williams, (Providence), Grand Secretary.

SASKATCHEWAN

The third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was opened at Moose Jaw, on Wednesday, June 16, 1909. C. O. Davidson, Grand Master.

Lodges represented 43; unrepresented 7.

The Grand Master was able to congratulate the brethren not only that Masonry in Saskatchewan was flourishing, but that commercial and industrial affairs were in a highly satisfactory condition. He said:

At the formation of Grand Lodge, three years ago, there were on the Register 24 Lodges, to which were added 5 by dispensation. At our Second Annual Communication there were 47 Lodges, and to-day we have on the register 40 Chartered Lodges, which with 18 working under dispensation, makes a total of 58 Lodges, with an approximate membership of 2,500.

While the phenomenal progress is cause for pride and gratitude he felt constrained to warn his brethren against undue haste to get in large numbers. "One of the greatest dangers with which Masonry has to contend," he said, "is its own popularity." He also sounded a note of warning against the formation of new lodges in sparsely settled districts.

A grand lodge benevolent fund has been started, which now amounts to $1,155.

Four lodges were constituted and consecrated during the year, and six lodges under dispensation were instituted.

The Grand Master refused a dispensation to sanction a lottery in aid of a Masonic hall building fund. He said with absolute truth that such practices "tend to lower Masonry in the opinion of the public."

He ruled that a dimit might be issued to an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft.

That a lodge under dispensation has the right to confer honorary membership.

A brother was elected Senior Warden of his lodge, and immediately afterwards, at the next meeting, he was elected Master. Ruled that the election was void.

In case where a verbal report only was made by an investigating committee, and a ballot was taken thereon, ruled that the ballot was legal and the result must stand.

There is no foreign correspondence, but provision was made for such correspondence in future.

Lodges, 58; members, 2,536; an increase of 280.

Harold Jagger, (Moose Jaw), Grand Master.

John M. Shaw, (Regina), Grand Secretary.

SCOTLAND

A Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held at Edinburgh, May 6, 1909, Col. Robert King Stewart, Grand Master Depute, as Grand Master. The business was of purely local interest.

A Quarterly Communication was held at Edinburgh, August 5, 1909. Grand Master, the Marquis of Tullibardine. Charters were granted to four new lodges—three in Scotland and one at St. John, Barbados.

At a meeting of theAnnuity Board, held Oct. 21, 1909, a report was presented showing the number of annuities granted, with the separate and total amounts. It is interesting to notice that outside of Scotland there are annuitants in Arabia-Felix, Cape Colony, India, Queensland, New Zealand, Western Australia and China. The total number of annuitants is 243, and the amount granted £2,685.

A Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was held at Edinburgh, Nov. 4, 1909, the Grand Master,

the Marquis of Tullibardine, presiding. The business was not of general interest.

The Annual Communication was held at Edinburgh, November 30, 1909, the Grand Master, the Marquis of Tullibardine on the throne. The Grand Master was re-elected, when he and all the Grand Officers were invested and installed. Grand Lodge then closed, when the brethren celebrated the festival of St. Andrew by a dinner. In response to the toast of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the Grand Master made an excellent speech, in the course of which he said:

During the past year we have added 9,738 new members, as compared with 9,789 last year. The income of Grand Lodge during the past year has been £9,530, as against £9,848 in the previous year—a decrease of £318, which is easily accounted for, because we passed £20,000 last year over to the Annuity Fund, and the interest on that was counted under a separate heading. In 1908 the income of Grand Lodge was £9,848, and the expenditure £3,856. This year the income is £9,530, and the expenditure £3,332. During 1909 the grants from the Benevolent Fund have amounted to £984. The sum of £2,645 has been paid to our Annuitants this year, and since the formation of the Annuity Fund in 1889, the sum of £30,500 has been disbursed in this direction. The amount contributed this year to the Fund by Daughter Lodges amounted to £1,447, as compared with £1,330 last year, and for the eleven years—1899 to 1909—the subscriptions have amounted to £10,400. The General Fund amounts to £23,677, the Benevolent Fund to £9,704, and the Annuity Fund to £74,371—making a grand total for the three Funds of £107,752, exclusive of the heritable and moveable property, which is valued at £25,200.

Bro. Col. Hope, whose visit to Canada will be remembered by many, is Grand Senior Warden. In the course of his remarks he said:

We heard from one of the brethren that in all likelihood he would be in Canada next year, and I can assure him of a good reception when he goes there. When I was there we were received by the Grand Master of Canada, and I can assure you we were treated in the most enthusiastic way, and with the highest honors, and were asked to convey to the Grand Lodge of Scotland their good wishes.

A return made by the Grand Secretary shows that since the year 1800 the "intrants" (initiations) have numbered 365,776. In the ten years ending with 1909 the number was 98,866; so that Masonry in Scotland is evidently making great progress.

The Marquis of Tullibardine, Grand Master.

David Reed, Freemason's Hall, (Edinburgh), Grand Secretary.

SOUTH AFRICA

The District Grand Lodge of South Africa, Western Division, met in annual session at Capetown. R. W. Bro. the Very Rev. C. W. B. Clarke, the District Grand Master, presiding. Lodges represented 21; unrepresented, 4.

In his address the District Grand Master deplored the death of the Rev. Dr. Egan, District Grand Master of the Eastern Division. He regretted the practice with some lodges of keeping visitors waiting in the ante room during the transaction of the ordinary business of the lodge and held that if a lodge had any business which it was undesirable that the general craft should know a special meeting ought to be called for its transaction. He said: "The meetings of a lodge belong to the whole craft, and any brother has as much right to see the opening ceremony and the preliminary business as he has the ceremonial work and the closing, and can demand admission." We should not like to go as far as that. Indeed, Bro. Clarke points to the law in his jurisdiction that "It is within the power of the Master of every private lodge to refuse admission to any visitor whose presence he has reason to believe will disturb the harmony of the lodge or to any visitor of known bad character." Owing to business depression the membership of lodges in the district had declined for several years—from 1,629 in good standing to 1,264 in 1907. The D. G. M. was glad to say that the decline had been stopped, though the members in good standing in 1908 were exactly the same as in the previous year.

The funds of the District Grand Lodge are in a satisfactory condition.

Very Rev. C. W. B. Clarke, District Grand Master.

F. Lytton Kight, (Capetown), Grand Secretary.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The twenty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of South Australia was opened at Adelaide, April 20, 1909. Sir J. S. Way, Grand Master. Lodges represented 37; unrepresented 14.

The Board of General Purposes makes the report which with us is made in the address of the Grand Master. This report recited that the present communication would mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the foundation of the first Australian Grand Lodge. One new lodge had been consecrated. One hundred pounds had been sent to relieve distress resulting from the earthquake in Italy. Masonic benevolence had been granted to the amount of £338. 17s. 6d. In addition grants had been made from the Freemason's Hall Trust Benevolent Fund to the amount of £488. 10s. The invested funds of Grand Lodge amounted to £25. 376. 19s. 5d. Complaint having been made that there was plurality of offices in Grand Lodge, the board found no such plurality existed, except that some of the principal Grand Lodge officers were, ex-officio, members of the Board of General Purposes; and they could not recommend that the board should be deprived of the assistance of these experienced members.

Sir Samuel Way was re-elected Grand Master, and was installed with imposing ceremonies. In his remarks, after saying that he had been, during the whole of the existence of the Grand Lodge, either its Grand Master or Pro Grand Master, he gave a very interesting historical account of the body for the past quarter of a century. He recalled that the Masons in South Australia, in establishing an independent Grand Lodge, had done only what their brethren in Canada had done, and their example had been followed by all the states in Australia and by New Zealand and Tasmania.

A Special Communication was held on the 21st of December, 1908, to say farewell to Bro. His Excellency Sir G. R. Le Hunte, who was about to leave the state. The rank of Past Grand Master was conferred upon the distinguished brother.

Lodges 51; members 3364.

Sir Samuel Way, Grand Master.

J. H. Cunningham, (Adelaide), Grand Secretary.

SOUTH CAROLINA

The one hundred and thirty-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina

was opened at Charleston, on the 8th of December, 1908. James L. Michie, Grand Master. Warranted Lodges represented 207; lodges under dispensation 6; total 213.

Grand Master Michie is evidently a man who has put his whole soul into his work and has not spared himself in the discharge of his duties. During the year he traveled more than 6000 miles, visited lodges in almost every section of the state, conferred degrees on 87 candidates, and answered from three to ten letters a day. On one occasion, returning from a ten days holiday, he found 71 letters awaiting attention.

He reports the condition of the craft to be good, harmony prevailing and progress excellent, while relations with other Grand Lodges are "of the most cordial and most fraternal kind."

A Grand Chapter of the order of the Eastern Star was organized in South Carolina during the year, and M. W. Bro. Michie gives it his approval.

Many important rulings were made during the year, several of which are of general interest:

1. A warden may sit in the Master's chair and confer degrees if the Master sits in the East with him and superintends the work, but it is not competent for a brother who has not been elected and installed as Master or Warden to do so.

2. A dispensation for a new lodge is, under the law of South Carolina, given to three Master Masons. Though there are other petitioners, they remain members of their former lodges, dual membership not being allowed.

Last year warrants were granted to two lodges in which not a single candidate had been raised. These warranted lodges then found themselves unable to elect officers or transact business, because they had not enough members to make the lodge perfect, therefore it was ruled that "a new lodge cannot be constituted under its charter with less than seven members; that is until it has raised four brothers while under dispensation." The Committee on Jurisprudence, however, disagreed with the two latter rulings, holding that "the Worshipful Master has the right to call any Master Mason to do the work under his direction."

As to the other, the committee recommended that upon the granting of a warrant all the petitioners should become ipso facto members of the new lodge and demitted from their original lodges."

The Grand Master gave much attention to the question of physical disqualification. Under the law of South Carolina he had been compelled to rule against the admission of: (1) One who had a small piece cut off the left side of the point of the little finger of the left hand: (2) One whose left leg was one-half inch shorter than his right leg, and who wore a thick inner sole in his left shoe, so that he could walk without limping; (3) One who had about "the sixteenth of an inch" cut off the top of his ear; (4) One who "had half an inch cut off the point of the little toe of the left foot"; and (5) One who could not close the third finger of his left hand.

Thinking the law which compelled him to rule as he did to be unnecessarily severe, he sought information as to the practice in other jurisdictions, and gives the result of his enquiries in a synopsis of the answers received, which is so interesting and so valuable that no apology is needed for copying it with considerable abbreviations:

Alabama—"The loss of a part of each finger on the right hand, the thumb being whole, does not disqualify."

Arizona.—"The person who desires to be made a Mason must be a man, having no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of learning the art, and physically able to conform literally to what the several degrees respectively require of him."

Arkansas—Bro. Fay Hempstead, Grand Secretary, writes me: "A candidate must be free from maim or physical imperfections which would prevent him from complying with regulations, must have the use of all his limbs, etc., etc."

California—"The person who desires to be made a Mason must be a man, having no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of learning the art, and physically able to conform literally to what the several degrees respectively require of him."

Connecticut—This Grand Lodge requires that candidates "shall be able to conform to all the requirements of Masonry without the aid of artificial appliances."

Colorado—"No lodge shall confer the E. A. Degree upon a candidate unless he be a perfect man, having no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of learning the art and becoming perfect in the work. No substitution of artificial parts of limbs is a compliance with the law; the loss of a hand or foot, or any considerable part of those members, or a material natural deformity therein, is an absolute disqualification. Except where the

disqualification is absolute, the Lodge has discretion, which must be governed by the spirit of the law above set forth."

Delaware—"A candidate must be physically perfect to the extent of conforming to the requirements of the secret work."

District of Columbia—"No Lodge shall initiate any candidate who is under twenty-one years of age, or whose physical defects are such as either to prevent him from being properly instructed or from conforming literally to all the requirements of the several degrees in Ancient Craft Masonry."

Florida—"A slight physical deformity will not bar the initiation of a worthy applicant. Each candidate shall be physically capable of conforming literally to what the several degrees require of him."

Georgia—"Georgia requires that a candidate should be able in every way to comply with all the requirements of the degrees."

Idaho—"If a man can make all signs correctly, would not become a charge on the Lodge, and is not barred by some particular section of our laws, he is eligible. The Lodge is to be the judge."

Illinois—"Illinois requires that the candidate shall be able to comply literally with the requirements of his initiation, in regard to steps, grips. etc."

Indiana—"Lodges are prohibited from initiating any candidate under twenty-one years of age, or one whose physical disability is such as to prevent his literal compliance with the ceremonies of the Order in every particular, or one who has not made a declaration of his belief in the existence of the Deity."

Indian Territory—"The qualifications of an applicant are * * * be free born, of good moral character, without maim or any such defect as may incapacitate him to learn the art, or give all due signs and salutations. * * * "

Iowa—"A man to be eligible to the degrees must be able to conform to all the ceremonies required in the work and practice of Masonry with his natural person. No substitutes of artificial parts or limbs is a compliance with the law. The loss of a hand or foot is an absolute disqualification, other deformities may or may not be, depending on the nature and extent. Except where the disqualification is absolute, the Lodge has discretion, which must be exercised with prudence."

Kansas—"A candidate for the mysteries of Masonry must be a man, free born, of sound mind, or mature age, without bodily defect, without physical disability, and living under the tongue of good report: Provided, no bodily defect or physical disability occurring after he has been made a Mason, shall disqualify him from advancement."

Kentucky—"A candidate for initiation must possess no maim or deformity which will prevent him from being perfectly instructed in the arts and mysteries of Freemasonry, and in his own person instructing others by exemplification. Of all this the Lodge is the judge."

Louisiana—"A candidate should be able to see, hear, feel and walk, and should be in such possession of his physical and mental faculties as will enable him to fully prove both himself and others, and be able to obtain thereby a living, that he may not become a charge to the Order." The loss of an eye is not a disqualification,

if the candidate can see with the other eye. Artificial limbs disqualify.

Maine—"The physical requirements of this state are that a candidate shall be able to conform to all requirements of the Ritual, and that artificial limbs shall not be accepted to supply deficiencies. Minor defects are left to the judgment of the Lodges."

Maryland—"No Lodge shall, on any account, initiate, pass or raise a candidate who is under twenty-one years of age, nor initiate, pass or raise a candidate whose physical defects prevent him from conforming literally to all the requirements of the several degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry."

Massachusetts—"If the physical deformity of any applicant for the degrees does not amount to an inability to meet the requirements of the Ritual, and honestly to acquire the means of subsistence, it shall constitute no hindrance to his initiation."

Michigan—"A candidate is qualified if he is physically capable of receiving and communicating masonically and perfectly all that is required by the Ritual and work of the several degrees."

Mississippi—"When the deformity of a candidate for initiation is not such as to prevent him from being instructed in the arts and mysteries of Masonry, his admission will not be an infringement upon the landmarks, but will be perfectly consistent with the spirit of our institution."

Missouri—The law of this jurisdiction seems to be that if a candidate can comply with all the requirements of the Ritual he is eligible.

Montana—"A candidate for the degree of Entered Apprentice should be able, physically as well as intellectually, to receive and impart all the essentials of Masonic recognition, and this the Lodge may determine."

Nevada—"Men to be made Masons must be free born, of mature age, of good report, hale and sound in their members so far as to be able to perform all Masonic labor."

Nebraska—"A Lodge cannot initiate any one * * * having physical imperfections which impair his ability to support himself and family, or by reason of which he is unable to conform to all of our peculiar rites and ceremonies. But a physical disability occurring after initiation will not prevent advancement."

New Hampshire.—"This Grand Lodge authorizes such a construction of the regulation as that, when the deformity of the candidate is not such as to prevent him from being instructed in the arts and mysteries of Freemasonry, and does not amount to an inability honestly to acquire the means of subsistence, the admission will not be an infringement upon the ancient landmarks, but will be consistent with the spirit of our Institution."

New Jersey—"The Grand Lodge of this State requires that all questions of physical qualifications must be referred to the Grand Master if a visible physical defect is apparent. The Grand Master alone is vested with power to decide if physical defect renders candidate ineligible."

New Mexico—"No degree shall be conferred upon any one who is physically unable to conform to the letter and spirit of the ceremonies of the Fraternity; who is unable to read and write; who is affected with any incurable disease; or who has no visible or

legitimate means of support for himself and family."

New York—"Ability to earn his living at manual labor, if necessary, without the assistance of artificial limbs, and to perform all things necessary to the receiving or giving of the work of Freemasonry," is all that is required.

North Carolina—"Every applicant for initiation must be free born, and no individual physically so deformed as to be disabled from honestly acquiring the means of subsistence, or who may be incapacitated for becoming a useful member, shall be initiated in any Lodge."

Ohio—"A candidate for the degree of E. A. shall be physically, as well as intellectually, of himself and without exterior aid or assistance from another, able to receive and impart all the essentials for Masonic recognition."

Oregon—"Every candidate applying for the degrees of Masonry must possess physical ability to earn a livelihood, and to conform substantially to the forms and ceremonies of Masonry, and be instructed and give instruction in its mysteries."

Oklahoma—"Any one who is physically able to make all due guards, signs, grips, and take all of the positions necessary for taking the three degrees, is eligible."

Rhode Island—"No man who is unable to perform every part of the work in the three degrees of Symbolic Masonry is eligible to receive those degrees."

Tennessee—"A candidate for the mysteries of Freemasonry must be a man, * * * and must be physically and mentally capable of earning a livelihood, and of receiving and imparting the Ritual of Masonry."

Utah—"Every candidate applying for the degrees in Masonry must possess ability to earn a livelihood, and to conform substantially to the forms and ceremonies of Masonry, and be instructed in its mysteries."

Vermont—"No. 1. Physical ability to earn a livelihood, and to conform substantially to the forms and ceremonies of Masonry, and be instructed in its mysteries, is all that is required * * * ."

Washington—"Every candidate applying for the degrees in Masonry must * * * possess no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of conforming literally to what the several degrees respectively require of him."

Virginia—"No petition for initiation shall be entertained from any person who is not * * * so perfect in body that he can, without artificial aid or friendly assistance, conform to the Ritual."

West Virginia—"When the deformity of the candidate is not such as to prevent him from meeting fully the requirements of the Ritual, or from honestly acquiring the means of subsistence, he is eligible."

Wisconsin—"The landmark as to physical qualifications to be strictly construed. The candidate must be a man, free born, hale, sound and unmutilated, and, in addition to the foregoing, he must in no way be disqualified to practice all the rites and obligations of the Order."

Wyoming—"The person who desires to be made a Mason must be a man * * * having no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of learning the art, and physically able

to conform literally to what the several degrees respectively require of him."

Canada—"A candidate who can comply literally with all the ceremonies of the work of Grand Lodge, and who is mentally and morally worthy of admission, is a fit subject to become a Mason."

Manitoba—"Each case is left to the Grand Master to consider on its merits. The rule recognized being that an applicant who can prove himself, even though partly by artificial means, should not be debarred."

New Brunswick—The law of this Jurisdiction seems to be pretty much the same as that of England. Yet it has been held "that the loss of a foot is an insuperable objection to the initiation of a person otherwise qualified even though the loss had ben artificially supplied."

New South Wales—"Unless the candidate be fully able to comply with our Ritual, observances, giving and receiving the signs, etc., he cannot be admited to the Craft."

New Zealand—"Provided a man is capable of giving and receiving the steps, signs, and grips, is neither deaf, dumb nor blind, is in full possession of his mental faculties, and is morally fit, then he should not be debarred from Freemasonry."

Prince Edward Island—"Prior to the organization of this Grand Lodge we were under English Jurisdiction, and its regulations in the matter of physical qualifications have been followed ever since."

England—"The general rule in this country is to consider a candidate eligible for election who, although not perfect in his limbs, is sufficiently so to comply with and go through the various ceremonies required in the different degrees."

Scotland—"The totally blind and the deaf and dumb are inadmissable. Lodges are allowed to exercise their own discretion as to the initiation of candidates who are mutilated in, or minus, a limb."

Ireland—"It has always been the custom in this Jurisdiction to give authority to the Grand Master, or his Deputy, to issue dispensations in favor of candidates whom they consider desirable. If the maim or defect is trivial, this is generally granted; but if it consists of such an injury as would interfere with a candidate's vocation, or prevent him from exchanging the signs, etc., of the Order, it is generally refused; but in any case the matter is at the discretion of the Grand Master or his deputy."

Southern Australia—"I beg to inform you that so long as a candidate is able to give and receive the secrets of the degrees in an intelligent manner, we do not bar him if he has any 'physical disqualifications.' This is the practice which obtains in England, and we have followed the same."—James H. Cunningham, Grand Secretary.

The foreign correspondence is in the able and skilled hands of R. W. Bro. J. T. Barron, the Grand Secretary, who gives a highly interesting review of the proceedings of fifty-four Grand Lodges.

Lodges 224; members 11,806; receipts $17,224.37.

James L. Michie, (Darlington) Grand Master.

Jacob T. Barron, (Columbia), Grand Secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA

The thirty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota was opened at Watertown, June 8th, 1909. Joseph J. Davenport, Grand Master.

Lodges represented 94; unrepresented 25.

Grand Master Davenport in his address spoke of peace, progress and prosperity. He said: "There are many things this morning that we should be thankful for, and now, brethren, let us rise in our places and bow our heads in silent thanks to him whom we look to as the rule and guide of our faith."

Dispensations had been issued for the formation of four new lodges.

His decisions were three: (1) Rejected material is under the jurisdiction of South Dakota so long as the rejected petitioners reside in the state.

(2) A brother who received the E. A. and F. C. degrees in one lodge and who received the Master's degree and signed the by-laws in another lodge, is a member of the latter.

(3) A lodge was permitted to receive and act upon the petition of a man who had only one eye.

Five lodges were constituted and consecrated.

Bro. Davenport was present at the making of President Taft "a Mason at sight," and reported the proceedings at considerable length.

The Grand Lodge of Queensland was recognized.

Charters were granted to four lodges.

Grand Lodge was called "from labor to refreshment" for the purpose of receiving a deputation of ladies of the Eastern Star, who entered, conveyed the greetings of their order, and retired, when labor was resumed.

On the 25th of June, 1908, an emergent meeting was held at Pierre, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the new Capitol building for the state of South Dakota. The gathering was large and the services were impressive.

S. A. Brown, Deputy Grand Master, and now Grand Master, conducted the foreign correspondence assisted by W. Bro. A. H. Tufts. A great deal of labor and much good thought has been put into this

work. In his review of Canada, Bro. Brown approves of the Canadian law which restores to full membership a brother suspended for non-payment of dues, when he pays the amount of his indebtedness to the lodge.

Lodges 119; members 7,635; a gain of 444.

Samuel A. Brown, (Sioux Falls), Grand Master.

Geo. A. Pettigrew, (Sioux Falls), Grand Secretary.

TASMANIA

The half-yearly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania was opened at Hobart, Aug. 27, 1909. Sir Geo. Davies, Deputy Grand Master, in the Grand East. Only nine lodges out of a total of thirty appear to have been represented.

It was explained that the absence of the Grand Master, the Hon. C. E. Davies, was due to his absence in England for the purpose of attending the Imperial Press Conference and of getting married—two very pressing engagements.

The address of the Deputy Grand Master was chiefly taken up with business matters of local importance only. The order is shown to be in good shape, and to be making moderate progress. Though no case calling for relief was neglected, one hundred pounds was added to the invested benevolent fund.

One incident reported is worthy of attention: It must be noted that it occurred in British Columbia, and our brethren of the Pacific Province must have due credit. The Deputy Grand Master says:

> To mark the true Brotherhood in Masonry, I desire to draw special attention to what has happened recently in connection with a member of the Craft in Tasmania, residing in Canada. He had the misfortune to meet with a severe accident, and his mates, in order to endeavor, if possible, to save their confrere, carried him for miles on a stretcher in order that he should have proper treatment, and out of their own pockets they defrayed the whole expense, but unfortunately their efforts proved futile. Finding that the deceased brother had left behind him a wife and two little ones, they went to work to raise six hundred dollars to send them back to Tasmania. It is most gratifying to find this noble act has not only been duly acknowledged, but the sick and funeral benefits have been returned to those who so generously came forward to assist a brother and those nearest and dearest to him in a time of need.

Lodges 30; members 1371; a gain of 8.

C. E. Davies, Grand Master.

John Hamilton, (Launceston), Grand Secretary.

1910

The nineteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania was held at Hobart on Thursday, Feb. 24, 1910. The Hon. C. E. Davies, Grand Master.

The Board of Benevolence announced receipts for the year of £444 9s. 11d., and charitable grants of £241 0s., 8d. The benevolent fund has £3,300 invested and £73 9s. 5d. in hand.

During the greater part of the year Grand Master Davies had been in England attending the Press Conference. On his journey out he passed through Canada, but had no time to make Masonic visits here.

He reported the condition of the craft in Tasmania to be good, though the country had been suffering from financial stringency.

Lodges 50; members 1,410; a gain of 23.

C. E. Davies, (Hobart) Grand Master
John Hamilton, (Hobart), Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE

The ninety-sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee was opened at Nashville, Wednesday, January 26, 1910. Edward K. Bachman, Grand Master.

Lodges represented 424; unrepresented 15.

In the opening of his address the Grand Master noted the death of M. W. Bro. Edmund Preston McQueen, which took place August 14, 1909. Bro. McQueen was initiated in 1872; was W. M. of Tennessee Lodge in 1889; Junior Grand Warden in 1900; Senior Grand Warden in 1901; Deputy Grand Master in 1902, and Grand Master in 1903.

During the year charters were issued to seven lodges under dispensation, and dispensations were granted for the formation of three new lodges.

A good many decisions were given, all turning upon points of Tennessee law, and not of interest here.

The Grand Master recommended that where two or more lodges have the same name, the junior lodges should select new names, so that there should be no duplicates. The recommendation was adopted by Grand Lodge.

M. W. Bro. Henry A. Chambers is chairman of the committee on Foreign Correspondence, and his work is carefully considered and well done.

Lodges, 446; members 23,835; a gain of 1,058.

Charles H. Byrn, (Murfreesboro), Grand Master.

John B. Garrett, (Nashville), Grand Secretary.

TEXAS

The seventy-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas was opened at Waco December 7, 1909. J. J. Davis, Grand Master.

Lodges represented, 577; unrepresented, 203.

Fifteen Past Grand Masters were in attendance, and thirty-five representatives of other Grand Lodges.

Grand Master Davis said: "At no time in the history of our Grand Lodge have our lodges been in as successful and prosperous condition as they are at the present time": and, he added, that he did not measure prosperity by a mere increase in membership, but by activity in charity, by love among the brethren and harmony among the lodges.

The first lodge in Texas was organized in 1835, under dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana. The meeting was held in a grove of trees back of the town of Brazoria; and a gavel made from the wood of one of these trees was presented to Bro. Davis and was used by him in opening Grand Lodge.

During the year eighteen lodges under dispensation were consecrated, and dispensations for seven new lodges were issued.

In September last the Grand Master issued a circular letter suspending fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge Benite Juarez, in the State of Coahuila, Mexico, The reasons given for this action are that "the great light in Masonry has been practically banished from the lodge rooms" in the lodges of that obedience, and that "the lodges themselves have degenerated until they have become little more than political clubs, using the sacred name of Masonry as a cloak for their unmasonic purposes."

He refused permission to several lodges to issue appeals for aid, in cases where their lodge rooms had been burned; and he advised that no contributions

should be sent to lodges outside of the jurisdiction which had issued circulars appealing for assistance.

Some of the so-called Masonic life insurance companies having made attempts to establish agencies in the state, the Grand Master with assistance from the Grand Commander of the Knights Templar was "able to frustrate all attempts to give these so-called companies a foothold in the state."

Decisions of general interest are the following:

1. The corner-stone of a building must be laid at the northeast corner of a building.

2. It is not permissible for a lodge to own property jointly with an individual or corporation other than Masonic.

3. It is not permissible to allow a candidate to affirm in place of swear in the obligation.

4. Where a master-elect of a lodge has previously received the degree of Past Master as conferred by the Royal Arch Chapter, it has been the custom in Texas not to require the conferring of that degree in the craft lodges. Bro. Davis "felt unwilling to disturb such a long-established custom," but asked Grand Lodge to make a "definite and positive ruling."

5. It is not permissible to ballot upon two or more candidates at the same time, with the proviso that if a black ball appear, the candidates shall be balloted for separately.

6. It is not permissible for a lodge to participate with other organizations in the laying of a corner-stone.

Grand Lodge decided, as to No. 4 that it is not required, and is deemed unnecessary, that the Worshipful Master-elect of any except a new lodge should receive the degree of Past Master." But the question will arise, if the degree is necessary for the Master of a new lodge, why not for Masters of old lodges? And if it is not necessary for Masters of old lodges, why should it be needed for Masters of new lodges?

Grand Lodge refused recognition to the Grand Lodge Alpina of Switzerland, because it fraternizes with the Grand Orient of France, and holds that it "cannot agree to recognize any Grand Lodge which fraternizes a body claiming to be Masonic, but which

denies a belief in God and banishes the holy Bible from its altars."

The chairman of the committee on Foreign Correspondence is Bro. Thomas M. Matthews, Sr., who does his work well and conscientiously.

In his preliminary remarks, Bro. Matthews handles two questions which have for some time been under discussion—the power of a Grand Master to make Masons "at sight," and the acceptance of negroes into regular lodges. We have no desire to discuss either of these questions. He quotes, however from "a prominent Masonic official," a letter received by that brother from Bro. W. J. Hughan, which we take the liberty of copying. Bro. Hughan writes:

Torquay, 3rd March, 1909.

My Dear Grand Secretary:

There is a lot of absurd talk about making "Masons at sight" by prerogative of the Grand Master, which has also penetrated to the "Higher degrees."

Undoubtedly in the eighteenth century, particularly in the early part, something of the kind occurred in this country, but not by one brother, however exalted in rank, but in connection with several brethren called together by the Grand Master's authority, to make such meeting "perfect."

All this has long since passed away in this country, and should have done so elsewhere.

Our beloved Sovereign never exercised such **supposed** powers while Grand Master: his brothers and son were initiated in regular lodges, and afterwards took the other degrees in due course as any odrinary gentleman.

I have no hesitation in saying that to make a "Mason at sight" in England by the Grand Master would be considered contrary to the "Book of Constitutions," and no one in his senses would attempt it.

The paragraph of 1663 (circa) is from a copy of one of the "Old Charges" of British Freemasons, explained in my work on the subject in 1895.

With all esteem and good wishes,

(Signed) William J. Hughan 32°

Bro. Matthews says some things which do not command our assent; but his remarks are always interesting and generally judicious; and his summary of contemporary Masonic history throughout the world is excellent.

Lodges, 805; members, 47,701; an increase of 2,178.

T. C. Yantis (Brownwood), Grand Master.
John Watson, (Waco), Grand Secretary.

UTAH

The thirty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Utah was held at Salt Lake City, Jan. 19 and 20, 1909. James Henry Brown, Grand Master.

All of the thirteen lodges in the jurisdiction were represented; fourteen Past Grand Masters were present; and 47 representatives of foreign Grand Lodges were in attendance.

Masonry in Utah has a hard struggle for existence. The Mormons are hostile to it, and it has not a large population from which to get members. Nevertheless it is doing good work, and is making progress. During the last year one new lodge was constituted, and there was a net increase of 82 in the membership. The Grand Master in his address said that "on the whole the condition of the craft in the jurisdiction is being bettered each year."

M. W. Bro. Brown's address is a purely business document, and a good one. It deals with local affairs and local interests. One of the Grand Master's rulings is that an Entered Apprentice cannot appear before a Masonic Commission and testify as a Mason:

> The Masonic Law contemplates that only Master Masons may appear as witnesses before a trial commission and testify on their Masonic honor; entered apprentices, fellow crafts, or any other competent witnesses may appear and testify under oath or affirmation duly administered by any officer authorized by the laws of the State to administer oaths.

There is not a true Masonc ring about that decision. A man is accepted as a candidate; his character has been approved; he has been balloted for and initiated; he is told that he is a Mason; and yet his word of honor as a Mason will not be taken by the brethren of his own lodge. If he is asked to testify in a Masonic trial, he must do so under oath as a profane. Will this ruling stand the test of the Grand Master's square?

The Secretary of a lodge was elected by the Worshipful Master casting a ballot, on motion of the lodge, though several brethren objected. The Grand Master ruled the election void and ordered a new election. He was undoubtedly right.

The foreign correspondence is ably conducted by R. W. Bro. Christopher Diehl.

Lodges, 15; members, 1,525.

Fred Clement Schramm, (Salt Lake City), Grand Master.

Christopher Diehl, (Salt Lake City), Grand Secretary.

1910

The thirty-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Utah was held at Ogden, January 18, 1910. Fred Clement Schramm, Grand Master.

Lodges represented 13; unrepresented 1.

On behalf of Weber Lodge No. 6, W. M. Blackman welcomed the Grand Master and members of Grand Lodge to Ogden.

The Grand Master in opening his address, said that the craft in Utah had made greater gains than in any former year except 1873. Harmony reigns within the jurisdiction and fraternity with all the sister jurisdictions.

During the year he had visited all the lodges in the state.

One lodge was constituted and consecrated, and a Masonic temple at Park City was dedicated.

Recognition of the Grand Lodge of San Salvador was declined for the present, because it appeared that harmony among the lodges in that republic did not exist. A like course was taken with respect to Nicaragua for want of sufficient information.

The Grand Lodge of Oklahoma was recognized.

R. W. Brother Christopher Diehl, the Grand Secretary, conducts the Foreign Correspondence with ability and discretion.

Lodges 15; number of members not given.

Charles Bruerton Jack, Grand Master.

Christopher Diehl, (Ogden), Grand Secretary.

VERMONT

The one hundred and sixteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Vermont was opened at Burlington, June 9, 1909.

Lee S. Tillotson, Grand Master.

Ninety-one lodges were represented; twelve were unrepresented.

The address of the Grand Master is a strictly business document; and it shows that Bro. Tillotson was active and earnest in the administration of his trust. His remarks concerning District Deputy Grand Masters are valuable and worthy of careful perusal by District Deputies in this jurisdiction. He says:

"Under our system of disseminating Ritualistic instruction, the District Deputy is the most important officer of the Grand Lodge. He must not only be a good ritualist, but he must be a man of executive ability as well, capable of intelligently imparting his knowledge to others. If he does not already possess experience he must have sufficient interest in the work to apply himself with a view to becoming well informed in all the many details connected with a successful district meeting."

And yet how many District Deputies there are whose sole qualifications are that they are "jolly good fellows" and can make flowery after dinner speeches; but who have neither skill in the work, nor knowledge of the law, nor judgment to guide and instruct the workmen. Alas that it should be so, but it is so.

A man living at Sherbrooke, Quebec, had lost his right arm, and could not be accepted at his home. M. W. Bro. Tillotson was asked to apply to the Grand Lodge of Quebec for a waiver of jurisdiction, permitting a Vermont lodge to receive and act upon the gentleman's petition. He very properly refused the request.

M. W. Bro. Marsh O. Perkins handles the foreign correspondence in an able manner.

Lodges, 104; members, 12,652; a gain of 258; receipts, $5,449.92 ;expenditures, $3,972.28.

Lee S. Tillotson, (St. Albans), Grand Master.

Henry H. Ross, (Burlington), Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA

The one hundred and thirty-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia was opened at Richmond, Feb. 9, 1909. Joseph W. Eggleston, Grand Master.

Lodges represented, 189; unrepresented, 105.

The Grand Master's address speaks of prosperity and progress.

Among the decisions are the following:

1. It is improper to refer petitions to a committee. The whole Lodge is an investigating committee, and the burden of proof of fitness is on the avouchers.

2. It is improper to print the names of petitioners on post cards.

3. The Worshipful Master is always in control of his Lodge, when it is in session and he is present, even though another Master is in the chair; unless the D.D.G.M. or G. M. is in control.

4. A Lodge cannot be called off to meet at a future date.

5. No one can be admitted to the Lodge without the consent of the Worshipful Master.

6. It is improper for a Lodge to insure a member's life in a so-called Masonic mutual insurance company.

7. It is improper for a brother to print on his advertising matter his Masonic affiliations.

8. It is a Masonic offence for a Mason to desert his wife and leave her without means of livelihood.

9. It is not lawful for any member to vote on any question by proxy.

We doubt the wisdom of the first of these decisions. It is impossible to scrutinize too closely the character of the man who offers himself as material for the Masonic temple, and an investigation by a whole lodge is likely to be a very perfunctory enquiry.

The Grand Master recommends a change in the law respecting members suspended for non-payment of dues. He says:

As it now stands our brethren are being subject to a too severe penalty for an offence which is as much the Lodge's fault as theirs. If we imposed only suspension from membership and permitted the offender to reinstate himself by paying his arrearages and an added penalty, we would be more nearly just.

The Grand Master was granted a contingent fund of $1,000 per annum in addition to his actual travelling expenses.

Bro. Claude A. Swanson, the Governor of Virginia, being present, was invited to address Grand Lodge, and "paid a beautiful tribute to Masonry, graphically sketched its history, telling how it had begun in the remotest times, and how potential are its tenets in the world to-day."

M. W. Bro. J. W. Eggleston, the Grand Master, is chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and his work is worthy of so distinguished a Mason. He aims rather to tell his readers what the craft is doing than to spread his own views on paper; but when he has anything to say his remarks are of value and full of interest.

Lodges, 305; members 19,749; net gain, 892.

Joseph W. Eggleston, (Richmond), Grand Master.

George W. Carrington, (Richmond), Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON.

The fifty-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Washington was held at Seattle June 15, 1909. Royal A. Gove, Grand Master.

Lodges represented 154; unrepresented 6. There are also 6 lodges under dispensation.

Fourteen Past Grand Masters were in attendance.

Grand Master Gove said that at its formation in 1858, the Grand Lodge was composed of four lodges, with 113 members. Last year there were 166 lodges with 13,500 members.

During the year he had constituted ten lodges and issued dispensations for the formation of six new lodges.

Three Masonic temples were dedicated, and six corner stones were laid.

Among his decisions was one ruling that a petition for affiliation from one who was a member of the Grand Orient of France could not be entertained.

During the year the semi-centennial of the Grand Lodge was celebrated by a meeting at Olympia and a banquet.

A fund of about $45,000 has been accumulated for the erection and endowment of a Masonic home; but this does not seem to be sufficient to encourage the brethren to go on with the work. Bro. Gove says: "If we are serious in regard to our declarations to establish and maintain a Masonic home we are certainly very deliberate in our movements. Either our assessments should be increased or some other plan should be devised to accumulate funds.

The Grand Master condemns in unqualified terms the action of the Grand Master of Ohio in making President Taft a "Mason at sight." He says: "It is to be hoped that no Grand Master of any Grand Lodge in the United States of America will again perform an act of this character."

The gain in membership during the year was 1,168.

M. W. Bro. Stephen J. Chadwick is the Foreign Correspondent, and a good one.

He does not agree with the Canadian law which makes a joining Past Master from a foreign jurisdiction ineligible for the Master's chair until he has served for one year as Warden in this jurisdiction. He asks: "If proficiency can only be attained by service as a warden, why is not the end better attained by actual service as Master of a lodge?" The answer to that is easy, Bro. Chadwick. It is because actual service as Master in a lodge which uses the Webb ritual actually unfits a man for service in a lodge which retains the ancient English work.

He also objects to the Canadian practice of notifying members of the names of candidates to be balloted for. That is a point worthy of consideration, though we think the practice is followed in most jurisdictions. But in one state the Grand Master ruled that there must be no investigation committee—that the officers and members of the lodge should make enquiry as to the character and standing of eacn applicant; and now Bro. Chadwick holds that the members must not even learn the names of petitioners except by attendance at lodge meetings when the petitions are read.

William R. Baker, (Colville), Grand Master.
Horace W. Tyler, (Seattle), Grand Secretary.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The tenth Annual Communication of Western Australia was held at Perth, April 22, 1909, the Right Rev. C. O. L. Riley, Lord Bishop of Perth, Grand Master. Thirty-five lodges were represented. This Grand Lodge was organized in 1900, with 33 lodges, and 2,000 members. It now has on its roll 85 lodges, with 3,750 members, showing a very healthy growth. Many of the lodges in Western Australia adhere to their Scottish mother, and have a Provincial Grand Lodge. The Independent Grand Lodge and the Provincial Grand Lodge recognize each other and maintain fraternal relations, which appear to be cordial. In the course of his address, which is a plain, practical and business-like document the Grand Master said: "A very unique gathering took place a few days ago when our Grand Lodge paid an official visit to the District Grand Lodge of Scotland in Western Australia. The

members of the Grand Lodge of Scotland assembled in great force and gave to all a very hearty welcome."

Grand Lodge has at its credit more than $110,000, divided as General Fund; Fund of Benevolence; Widows', Orphans' and Aged Freemasons' Fund; and Freemasons' Hall Account.

The foreign correspondence is in the hands of a committee of seven brethren, V. W. Bro. J. D. Stevenson being chairman. The work is divided among the members and is carefully and judiciously done. Bro. McMullen who reviews the proceedings in this jurisdiction, does not think it right to make a Past Master, affiliating from a foreign jurisdiction, who has not served as Warden in this jurisdiction, ineligible to the Master's chair, and thinks our law is lacking in liberality. Will Bro. McMullen kindly refer to the reasons given elsewhere for thinking the law to be just and necessary?

The Right Reverend Bishop Riley was re-elected Grand Master.

J. D. Stevenson, (Perth), Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA

The forty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia was opened at Wheeling, November 10, 1909. Emmet M. Showalter, Grand Master.

Lodges represented, 142—every lodge in the jurisdiction.

The Grand Master was not called upon to report any death among the members of Grand Lodge during the year. Peace and harmony prevailed throughout the jurisdiction, and the year had been one of "unusual activity for the craft."

A dispensation was issued for the formation of a new lodge; and another petition, having been received at a late date, was referred to the Grand Lodge for action. The dispensation was subsequently issued.

The Grand Master issued an edict, which was approved, requiring secretaries of lodges to use a receipt for dues, prepared and issued by the Grand Secretary, which should constitute a visiting card.

Many decisions were given, nearly all of local interest only, or explanatory of the law of West Virginia. Those of general interest are the following:

1. A stationed officer of a Lodge cannot become a charter member of a new Lodge.

2. A Fellow Craft who allowed a year to elapse before applying for advancement, pending which he lost his leg, is ineligible to receive the Master's degree.

3. There is no Masonic objection to receiving and acting upon the petition of a person not a native of the country, provided he has resided in the Jurisdiction the required length of time and is otherwise eligible.

The Grand Master attended the conference of Grand Masters, and approves of such conferences as calculated to promote harmony and secure uniformity of action.

Bro. Showalter fears that jealousies may arise in lodges due to courtesies extended to members of the order of the Eastern Star, which are not extended to other wives and daughters of Masons. He recommended that the use of lodge rooms be denied to Chapters of the Eastern Star for their meetings. We do not find that this recommendation was acted upon.

The foreign correspondence is in the able and judicious hands of the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. H. R. Howard. Bro. Howard's long experience and great ability qualify him to prepare a most valuable report, every page of which is of interest. His views respecting Masonic homes are based upon experience, and we heartily concur in them.

Treating of the practice of some Grand Secretaries, including Bro. Howard himself, of printing in the proceedings a full list of the members of private lodges, he says:

The names thus printed constitute the only full record the Grand Lodge of West Virginia has of its membership. A card index system of members, as is the case in many other jurisdictions, might be substituted if the printing of the names was abolished, but for immediate information of officers of Lodges and the Craft generally would not be available.

The names of the members of lodges in West Virginia fill nearly two hundred pages of the report from which we copy, and there are in all 13,185 members. If the system were adopted in this jurisdiction the list alone would occupy more space than is now needed for the whole report. In New York more than

three times that space would be filled. The system may be all right for a body with a comparatively small membership, but for a large body it would be too cumbersome, and its very bulk would destroy its usefulness. The card system, too, is useful where a new Grand Body is formed; but for a large body a separate vault would be needed for its accommodation, and a very big vault at that. Then the change from one system to another would necessitate a great deal of labor. Probably the best system yet devised is the "loose-leaf" system, by which additions may be made to the record books from time to time, and the membership of each lodge is kept in a complete and compact form. After all, if the names of the Master and the Secretary of each lodge are published annually information respecting members is readily obtainable, and we fail to see the great value of a full published list.

Lodges, 142; members 13,185; a gain of 595.

Frank Wells Clark, (New Martinsville), Grand Master.

H. R. Howard, (Point Pleasant), Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN

The sixty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin was opened at Milwaukee, June, 8, 1909. James E. Durgin, Grand Master.

Lodges represented, 261.

In opening his address, M. W. Bro. Durgin likened Masonry to a lighthouse, and said:

> The living rock upon which the structure rests is Belief in God. The first course laid upon this foundation is Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. The rule by which this structure has been reared is act upon the square, keep a tongue of good report, maintain secrecy, practice charity, and finally this edifice is crowned and illuminated by the precious hope of the Master Mason that death is not the end.

One of the most eminent Craftsmen has passed away. In his 90th year, after a well-spent life, full of honors and devotion to Masonry, Bro. Henry L. Palmer died May 7, 1909. He was Grand Master of Wisconsin in 1852 and 1853, and again twenty years afterwards, in 1871, and 1872. In other bodies he also was prominent and he enjoyed the respect and affection of his brethren in a marked degree.

Among the decisions are one or two that do not appear to be founded on justice tempered by charity. For example:

A lodge granted a dimit to its secretary prior to his removing from the state. Q.—Was the granting of the dimit legal?
Ans.—No. (The dimit was ordered recovered and destroyed,

Doubtless the decision was based on the Wisconsin law; but why should not the brother be granted a dimit prior to his removal from the state?

Again. A lodge conferred the Entered Apprentice degree on a brother having but one good eye, the other being of glass. The law forbade the acceptance of this candidate; but as he had been initiated, the Grand Master authorized his advancement. Is this not carrying the penalty of physical imperfection too far?

Again:

15. A brother has taken the E. A. and F. C. Degrees in a Lodge in Canada, but has moved into our jurisdiction and wishes our Lodge to confer the M. M. Degree upon him. His Lodge has also requested us to confer the degree. Do we have to ballot on him; and if the fee has not been paid for the degree, do we send them the fee? Also, how long after the request is received can we give the degree?

A. You do not ballot on the candidate. The fees belong to the Lodge making the request.

That is right. The degree is conferred as a courtesy to the lodge making the request, and not as a matter of business.

Again. It is lawful for a brother not an elected officer to confer the E. A. and F. C. degrees, provided the W. M. or one of the Wardens is present.

The brethren in Wisconsin seem to have trouble in keeping the sisters of the Eastern Star within due bounds. In one lodge the ladies wanted to use the lodge room for dancing parties. In another the lodge and the chapter of the Eastern Star agreed to have a joint installation of officers, the ceremony being public. Then the sisters objected to a member of the lodge taking his wife with him, she not being a member of their order. In another the ladies of the Eastern Star used the lodge room for card-playing and

dancing parties. The Grand Master was ungallant enough to rule against the ladies on all the points. He said they might, if the proper consent were given, be allowed to use the lodge room for their Chapter meetings only; but, he added "this does not carry the right or privilege to convert a Masonic lodge room into a dance hall or a club room for card parties, to which the general public is admitted."

The Grand Master is happy to be able to report that the lodges throughout the state are prosperous and harmonious.

M. W. Bro. Aldro Jenks deals with the foreign correspondence; and he does so fortified with ability for the task, with thorough knowledge and with enthusiasm for the work. He does not always agree with decisions given by the Immediate Past Grand Master in this jurisdiction; but he expresses his views with courtesy and gives reasons for holding those views. He thinks—as some others think—that a brother who has served as Master of a lodge in a foreign jurisdiction, and affiliating with a Canadian lodge, should be eligible to the Master's chair. We have pointed out elsewhere that the ruling was based on the express provision of our Constitution; also we have given reasons for thinking the law to be just. He also disapproves of the ruling of our Grand Master, that it is the duty of the Master of a lodge to carry out the wishes of the lodge when legally and formally expressed. He says:

> To this ruling we respectfully demur. A Master possesses many powers inherent in the office not conferred by the constitution of the Grand Lodge or by the by-laws of his Lodge, but inherited by him under the universal usages and customs of Masons. One of the universal privileges of a Master is that of absolute government over the affairs of his lodge, being responsible to the Grand Lodge for the abuse of the high powers and prerogatives with which he is intrusted. We hope the day is far distant when the proposition will be established that he is the chief executive officer of the Lodge, and must carry out the wishes of its members whatever they may be.

That may do very well in Wisconsin; but in this free country a Master before his installation promises to obey the Constitution and to support the by-laws of his lodge, as well as to maintain the usages and cus

toms of Masons, and the ancient landmarks. Undoubtedly he cannot be tried by his lodge while he is in the chair; but he can be disciplined by the Grand Master or his Deputy. If the Master may disregard the wishes of the lodge, when "legally and formally expressed," the adoption of resolutions in the lodge is a useless formality, and the Master may order things as he pleases.

There were at the end of 1908 259 warranted lodges and three under dispensation, having 24,946 members; a net gain for the year of 972.

Alvin T. Webb, (Madison), Grand Master.

William W. Perry, (Milwaukee), Grand Secretary.

WYOMING

The thirty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming was opened at Cheyenne, Sept. 1st, 1909. Marion P. Wheeler, Grand Master.

Lodges represented, 21; unrepresented, 7.

The Grand Master reports that the year had been one of continued prosperity.

He lamented the death of the Deputy Grand Master, John S. Taylor, and Past Grand Master John Charles Davis.

Among the decisions made by him are the following: (1) A member who has recommended a petitioner cannot serve on the investigating committee; (2) A Master of a lodge was guilty of unmasonic conduct, and tendered his resignation to the lodge. Held that he could not resign, but that charges against him must be filed with the Grand Master; (3) Trial of a brother for an offence can be commenced only at a regular meeting of the lodge. The proceedings cannot be taken out of the hands of the lodge by the Worshipful Master and referred to a commission without a vote of the lodge.

Among the Grand Master's recommendations are the following:

(1.) That a resolution be passed that all receipts for dues be issued to the Secretaries of the various lodges by the Grand Secretary with his certificate printed on the back, to show the standing of the lodge in the jurisdiction. This would insure every member having a certificate for just the time he was in good standing in the lodge.

(2) That we take some action looking to the end of allowing our lodges to receive petitions from profanes who reside in other jurisdictions, but nearer a blue lodge in this jurisdiction than any in their own, when such petition is presented with a waiver from the lodge in whose jurisdiction they reside and from the Grand Lodge of said jurisdiction accompanying their application.

The foreign correspondence is conducted by the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. W. L. Kuykendall, and the work is well done. Referring to the withdrawal by the Grand Lodge of Canada of the warrant from the Royal Solomon Mother Lodge at Jersualem, Bro. Kuykendall says it "will be sad news for a credulous Mason here and there who may have hoped and prayed to be taken in and done for financially when visiting in the footsteps of American Masonic clubs and others hunting notoriety. We would not be surprised, however, if the officers and members of said Lodge did not provide a charter signed by Adam as first Grand Master and renewed by Solomon as the Second Grand Master, as one Grand Orator asserted, and thereunder rake in the shekels of visiting Americans, some of whom are ready to believe anything."

In Kentucky a brother was suspended for non-payment of dues. Afterwards he paid his dues, but his lodge refused to restore him. Upon this Bro Kuykendall remarks that "if one black ball can prevent reinstatement, right and justice demand a return of the amount paid in as back dues." To which it has been pertinently observed that the dues properly belonged to the lodge, since the brother enjoyed Masonic privileges during the whole of the time for which the dues were paid. But there is another way of looking at this business: The brother was suspended for a Masonic offence—the non-payment of dues. By paying his dues he has purged himself of the offence; there is nothing against him. Why should his punishment be continued? Is not the Canadian system better? Here the payment to the lodge of all charges against him

ipso facto restores the suspended brother to all his Masonic privileges.

Lodges, 29; members 2,400; increase, 131.

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W. L. Kuykendall, (Saratoga), Grand Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,

A. T. FREED,
Chairman.

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